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Tax Treaty With Berkshire Power Remains In Limbo

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In back-to-back special meetings held on Monday, June 24th, Town Council refused to decide whether or not to accept a yearly payment of \$1.2 million in lieu-of-taxes from Berkshire Power and began wrangling over the need to hire an independent consultant to make sure the town is getting the best possible deal.

At the first special meeting called by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, the tax plan was on and off the table with such speed, it may as well have been a ping-pong ball. After the sort of increasingly familiar, tedious exercise in parliamentary maneuvering that has plagued the Council for months, six councilors agreed to consider the payment in-lieu-of-taxes plan negotiated with Berkshire Power.

Voting to take the proposal off the table were Council President Nancy Thompson and Councilors Christian Quatrone, Kent Servis, Jill Simpson, George Bitzas, and Thomas Ennis. Voting against were Councilors David Skolnick, Gary Sufriti, Edward Caba, and Dennis Perry. Councilor Joseph Langone was absent.

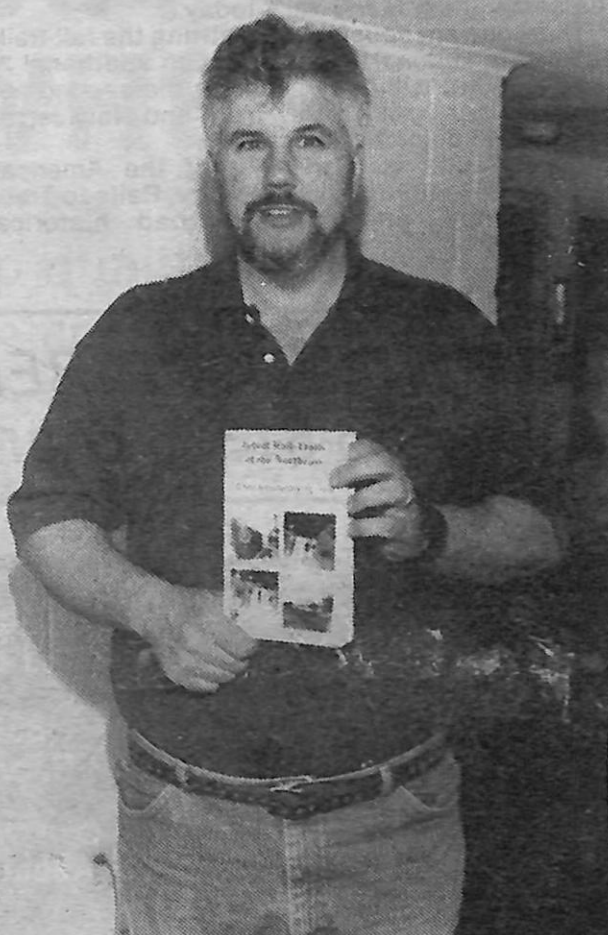
Discussion of the tax plan was cut short when Servis made a motion to table the issue to the July 1st regular council meeting. Joining Servis in the tabling motion were Mrs. Simpson, Skolnick, Sufriti, Bitzas, Caba, and Perry. Voting against the tabling motion were Ms. Thompson, Quatrone, and Ennis.

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AGAWAM HIGH GRAD Jason Bryant, who's entering Johnson & Wales Culinary Institute this fall, will be part of the food services staff at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM RESIDENT CRAIG DELLA PENNA is releasing a second printing of 8,000 copies of his book, "Great Rail-Trails of the Northeast." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Resident Author Of Book On "Rail-Trails"

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Craig Della Penna of Silver Street, Agawam, author of the book "Great Rail-Trails of the Northeast," has announced that the second printing of his book will be released for distribution by the end of June.

The first printing of 5,000 books released in October 1995 sold so fast that a second printing of 8,000 copies was warranted, Della Penna said. A second improved edition is also in the planning. The first edition covers 26 rail-trails, made from abandoned railroad beds, and the second edition will cover 50 New England rail-trails.

Once laid out by railroad companies for passenger and cargo transporting, and no longer needed for that purpose, some of these railroad beds are fast being converted for recreational purposes.

The rail-trails are being used for biking, mountain bike-riding, walking and jogging, horseback riding, snowmobiling, fishing, cross-country skiing, roller blading, roller skating, all-terrain vehicles (in some areas), and they are wheelchair accessible.

The trails are under the supervision of local agencies in the areas they pass through or, as in Massachusetts, the State Department of Environmental Management.

SEE RAIL-TRAILS - Page 2...

Agawam High Grad Is Heading For Olympics In Food Services

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

When the athletes, coaches, and trainers from all over the world gather for the 26th Olympiad in Atlanta next month, they'll find a small army of support staff dedicated to serving the needs of contestants and spectators alike.

It's no surprise that getting to the Olympics is a grueling process involving years of training and competitions for the athletes. But many people probably don't know that hundreds of culinary arts students compete for the honor of bussing tables, doing kitchen prep work, waiting tables, and doing just about everything that might come up in setting this summer's multinational table.

As the winner of an essay contest open to students of Johnson and Wales Culinary Institute, AHS graduate Jason Bryant will be among the thousands of food service workers arriving in Atlanta the week before the games' opening ceremonies.

Bryant, who was one of the 250 Johnson and Wales students chosen from a field of 1,500, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship in addition to the opportunity to put his years of food service training to work in the visitors' restaurants.

Bryant said he thought he had been chosen because of his two years of experience grilling burgers and hot dogs and doing prep work at The

Summer House in Southwick.

"...A Major Experience"

"I think going to the Olympics will be a major experience for me," Bryant said. "It's going to be a lot of fun and I'm going to learn a lot from this."

After working at the international event of the summer, Bryant will head for Johnson and Wales to study culinary arts and hotel/restaurant management.

Bryant, who enjoys all styles of cooking, is hoping to work in a large scale hotel after college and has plans for a restaurant of his own one day.

Agawam High School family consumer science teacher Cynthia McCormack said Bryant has been quite serious about his work in the two years he studied in her foods program.

"Jason put his heart into the work. He's very interested and has that genuine feeling for it," Mrs. McCormack said. "He looks for the unusual recipes and takes the time to look at what the recipes involve."

With about a fifth of her students going on to study at culinary institutes, Mrs. McCormack noted, "If you start at a young age and work in the field, cooking is really a lifestyle, not a part-time thing."

RAIL-TRAILS - from Page 1...

A Guide With Pertinent Information...

Besides being fascinating reading, the book is actually a guide with pertinent information in a concise, easy-to-read form for persons seeking this type of recreation.

Della Penna is a professional in the transportation field. He is terminal manager of Railroad Distribution Services, Inc. The firm deals with railroad and truck transport. The company is the premier intermodal facility of Western New England and a subsidiary of the Pinsky Railroad Co., which once owned many of the area's smaller railroads. His office is in Holyoke.

Chris Ryan, owner of N.E. Cartographics, publishers of outdoor recreation maps and guides, contracted with Della Penna to write this book. The two men had realized that there was no documented material about the rail-trails available to the public.

Not having ridden bikes in year, Della Penna and his wife, Kathleen, purchased ordinary, inexpensive bikes with the idea of testing them on the trails. From April 1995 to January 1996, they covered 1,300 miles of rail-trails. The book describes their experience and how they carried 40 pounds of equipment, including change of clothes and cameras in pannier bags. Della Penna tapes a narrative as he rides along.

Kathleen, a review examiner for the state Division of Employment and Training, goes along on trips for the exercise and enjoyment, Della Penna, said, and to keep him company.

The book, primarily a guide, lists the names, location, and mileage of each of the rail-trails they covered. They contacted officials for each of the 26 trails, and Della Penna compiled and wrote the book on evenings and weekends.

They covered seven rail-trails in Massachusetts; six in Connecticut; five in New

Hampshire; two in Rhode Island; two in Maine; and five in Vermont.

Each state has a section and each rail-trail is described. There are maps of each trail, location of the beginning and end of the trail, trail mileage, best recreational use, etc. Graphic symbols, such as a bike, cross-country skier, snowmobile, etc., are used throughout for easy recognition.

Rail-Trails in Massachusetts

Massachusetts rail-trails included are Ayer to Dunstable, Barre to Templeton, Cape Cod Rail-Trail, Minutemen Rail-Trail, Northampton Bikeway, Norwottuck Rail-Trail, and Shining Sea Rail-Trail.

The book also points out mileage, facilities along the trail, eating and rest places, and natural features (such as lakes and foliage).

Della Penna is a history buff, especially as it concerns railroads. He is considered the region's bridge between recreational hiking/biking groups and the rail history community. He has compiled a 20-minute slide presentation and narrative, which he has presented to many organizations.

One presentation in Boston on June 8th was attended by many state officials, and on July 11th he will give his presentation to the Agawam Rotary Club.

In his show, he has made use of the archives of slides in the care of various historical societies, making his project interesting and unusual. He shows old photos of railroads of yesteryear in use and accompanies them with his own photos of the same sites as rail-trails today.

The Agawam couple will be hitting the rail-trails again this summer, researching an additional 24 rail-trails that will be included in the second edition. Another book on New York and New Jersey rail-trails is also in the works.

Della Penna is a member of the American Society for Industrial Archaeology, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, and many railroad historical associations.



CRAIG DELLA PENNA and his wife, Kathleen, are now avid bike riders and are checking out "rail-trails" all over the Northeast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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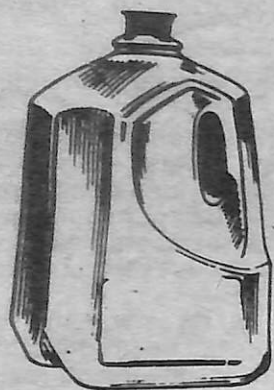
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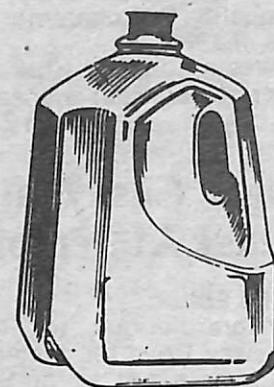


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Congratulations to all of the graduates of the Class of '96!





Letters To The Editor

AHS Principal Thanks Class Of '96 For Gift To The School

To The Editor:

On behalf of the high school administration, faculty, guidance, and the school system as a whole, I thank the class of 1996 for its generous gift to the school.

The videotape about Agawam High School is outstanding and does a great service to the school. More importantly, this gift reveals the unique quality and character of the members of the class of 1996.

It was a honor to work with them as a teacher and principal. Best wishes for the future.

Joseph Zabielski, AHS Principal

Roger Casavant Wins Silver Medal At Senior Olympics

To The Editor:

Congratulations to Roger Casavant of 37 Ridgeway Drive for winning a silver medal in the long jump event at the Senior Olympics held at Springfield College.

Thank you,
Jeff Casavant
Feeding Hills

Jr. High Eighth Graders Are Pupils To Be Proud Of

To The Editor:

On Friday, June 7, 1996, the eighth grade class at Agawam Junior High School held its annual spring dance. The class of 2000 chose as its theme "Above and Beyond the Year 2000!" The cafeteria was transformed into outer space. Over 220 students attended and a great time was had by all.

In the past few months, we've all heard about a lot of negative situations happening throughout our school system. **We'd like to take this opportunity to tell the community about our extremely positive experience with the class of 2000.**

Not knowing how many students would sign-up to help with the dance, we decided to form the after-school dance committee in early April. For our first meeting, approximately 25 students came. We met every Tuesday thereafter for the next seven weeks, and at every meeting all the students were there!

Their enthusiasm, creativity, and endless energy were contagious. We thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent with these kids. They came into the meetings ready to work; they knew what they had to do and got to work. We didn't have any problems of any kind at all for seven weeks.

These students did work at home, during their studies, and some even stayed after school on other days to finish dance-related projects. They were committed to making this dance a success.

We'd like to thank the following members of the class of 2000 for their dedication and we want

them to know, their parents to know, and the community to know how proud we are to have had the opportunity to get to know them and to work with them:

Aja Paquette, Amanda Sternowski, Amie Mahaney, Becky Long, Carrie Fede, Dan Marsili, Dara Kohrhamer, Derek Mercadante, Emily Dubois, Heather Young, Jane Santucci, Jen Marr, Jen Modzelesky, Jen Sommer, Jennifer Burke, John O'Krongly, Kelly Helden, Laura Reveruzzi, Lisa Dineen, Mary Elizabeth Dupelle, Michelle Dice, Nicole Koehler, Sarah Bates, Steve Hearn, and Tammy Norton.

We wish them the best of luck as they move on to the High School.

Our thanks also to the Agawam Junior Women's Club, Fran's Restaurant, Mr. Littlefield, Mr. Costanzi, Mrs. DePalma, Mrs. Ferioli, the maintenance staff, and all the parents who volunteered to chaperone and help out on the night of the dance.

And a very special thank you to Industrial Arts teacher Mr. Burns, whose ideas and constant willingness to help were sincerely appreciated by everyone.

Sincerely,

Sue Hearn, Cheryl Marsili, Chris Dupelle,
Carol Mercadante, Marian O'Krongly,
Debbie Sommer, and Clyde Benton

Perry Lane Summer Camp Turns Into Political Mess

To The Editor:

Facts about Perry Lane Summer Camp Transportation Situation:

1. Perry Lane is a Summer Camp available to *all* children of Agawam, but systematically becoming convenient to only part of Agawam.

2. As of the Summer of '96, daily transportation to and from Perry Lane Summer Camp has been discontinued due to the drop in the number of parents interested in transportation being provided.

3. Politics are ruling the Agawam Summer Camps!

Let's examine what has happened here. During the Spring of '96, the big issue with Perry Lane Summer Camp was it being combined with Camp Rainbow this year! While a public informational meeting was held to discuss the issues raised by this concept, the general question of continuing or discontinuing daily transportation was only addressed as being available if it was deemed self-supporting. That is to say, if interest was expressed by enough parents of Summer campers, it would be *considered*.

What came out at the informational meeting also, was that the bus transportation for Camp Rainbow attendees was funded through the generosity of a school department budget line item, and that it was unfortunately abused. By this I mean that many Camp Rainbow parents had their campers take the bus believing it was *required* as opposed to *necessary* for the convenience of the child.

Therefore, *the number* signing up for transportation always remained consistent, requiring the bus year-after-year. The inequity of having fully funded transportation for Camp Rainbow campers and requiring Perry Lane campers to be self-supporting was not lost on those that attended and has now resulted in Camp Rainbow's transportation funding being jeopardized as well.

During Perry Lane Summer Camp signups, the issue of transportation was again secondary to the normal registration chaos. Two or three "interested in transportation" sheets were laying around on the same tables where parents obtained forms for registration for Pre-School and Perry Lane Day Camp. The line for registration around

the Middle School circled the parking lot by the time the doors opened. With limited availability in each of the four sessions of Summer Camp, I'm sure parents had expediency in mind, more than the issue of daily transportation being provided for *all* campers.

This year, Director Mary Keller stated repeatedly that transportation would be available if it proved self-supporting. Based on the outcome of the "interested in transportation" numbers, Ms. Keller made the decision unilaterally to discontinue the bus transportation ... her logic being that 12 students per session would not absorb the cost of the transportation (remember, it had to be self-supporting). The issue of whether it was *always* required to be "self-supporting" or not, seemed to become only the concern of the parents seeking transportation, not a general issue of the continued availability of the camp to Agawam/Feeding Hills residents as a whole.

Many parents can and will provide their own transportation to and from the summer camp(s) that their children are lucky enough to attend, however, as a result of this year's precedence, I believe the opportunity to attend our Town/City Summer Camp(s) will be lost or at least made much more difficult for *all* City of Agawam children.

Chronology of Bus Transportation to Perry Lane Summer Camp:

In years past (predating Ms. Keller's employ), transportation went through several stages. At one time, three or four buses provided transportation to the Perry Lane Summer Camp. As time progressed, the number the campers seeking transportation dwindled to the present state of elimination.

Think about this! Was it just my imagination or has there been a subtle campaign in this direction for years, first making it inconvenient, even dangerous for parents to expect their children to venture to the main arteries for their transportation (at least at this end of town), and now bringing in the issue of it being "self-supporting."

The way it appears to me is that if you wanted to lose the service, you would discourage residents from using it in the first place and then raise the issue of the unfortunate numbers which obviously won't support its continued existence! *Voila!* No more bus transportation. The metamorphosis has been to eliminate the transportation for years. The dominoes just had to be lined up.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sunday, June 30th & July 14th
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To reiterate how ludicrous this situation is: the cost of a school bus vs. a van was determined to be the same (\$125/day) and the bus company who holds the school transportation contract (who *The City of Agawam* might actually have a little leverage with??!!) wasn't even asked for a quote.

Director Keller has tried to be very cooperative. Originally, upon making the decision to eliminate the transportation, she considered offering the forms of other Feeding Hills campers, until she was told by Mayor Johnson that lawsuits could result from divulging them.

While I appreciate her attempt to accommodate my situation, I find it disturbing that she was surprised to realize that from the forms that were pulled (but not seen by other than the Rec. Dept. Staff), a large percentage of my Feeding Hills neighbors were also "seeking transportation." It made perfect sense to me that those who don't live closest to Perry Lane would share the same fate. How could Director Keller and Mayor Johnson not realize this???

Where exactly did that *windfall* come from that has been so heatedly debated recently, Mayor, and why have these bus situations been allowed to disintegrate to this unreasonableness? Why is this being treated like a new situation that comes up every year, instead of investigating (year round) the most cost effective way to maintain this vital transportation?

Why aren't all bus requirements of the City of Agawam brought to the same table?

Respectfully,
Sandy Gingras
Feeding Hills resident
786-8088

P.S.: I am in search of transportation to and/or from P.L. for all four sessions. Can anybody help?

Topper's Helps Make Middle School Family Night A Success

To The Editor:

The Agawam Middle School held its first Family Night last week which was enjoyed by teachers, students, and their families. It was held over two nights, the sixth grade attending the first night and the fifth grade on the second.

This event was a great idea, as it gave parents the opportunity to see the work their children had

accomplished with their teachers throughout the year. The teachers were present in the classrooms to talk with the families.

Our sincere thanks to Topper's of Springfield Street, Agawam, who supplied the ice cream and toppings for the sundaes which were sponsored and served by the P.T.O. The sundaes were enjoyed by all on both nights, and it "TOPPED" the evenings off.

What a delightful way to end a school year. Let's do it again next year!

The Agawam Middle School P.T.O.

Jr. Women's Club Says Thanks For Supporting Crafts Festival

To The Editor:

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to thank the following businesses for helping to make our 22nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival the wonderful success that it was: **George Farina Landscaping, Agawam McDonald's, Lucia Lumber, Sarat Ford, and the Town of Agawam Dept. of Public Works.**

We also would like to thank all those who attended the festival. Each year, all proceeds from the Arts & Crafts Festival benefit our Scholarship Fund for the following year. This year, we were able to give six \$500 scholarships and five \$100 scholarships.

We are looking forward to a successful 23rd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival in June of 1997!

Sincerely,

The Agawam Junior Women's Club

Council Using Stall Tactics; Town Again Will Be The Loser

To The Editor:

The Town Council had an opportunity on Monday, June 24th, to have their questions answered on the "In lieu of tax" issue. Instead, they continue to choose ignorance over knowledge.

Ever since May 1st, certain councilors have been complaining that the Mayor spoke to C.A.T. first without speaking to them. The fact is, that the agreement was released to them first that same day.

They could also have come to the Mayor's

presentation that evening as other councilors chose to do. The Mayor answered any and all questions. Where were the other councilors?

Mayor Johnson explained the agreement to the public on T.V. Why didn't the councilors come and talk to the Mayor that night?

When the Mayor offered to conduct a workshop for the council on this issue, the motion was tabled. Now they talk about their need for additional knowledge. Why?

A public hearing was scheduled. These councilors cancelled it, requiring C.A.T. to spend many hours of their time to circulate a petition forcing the council to hold a public hearing.

At the first night of the hearing, these same councilors manipulated council rules to facilitate a filibuster necessary to avoid a vote that night. Once the hearing was over, the councilors tabled the vote until the court case was settled.

The court case is settled and they still won't take a vote. Why? Could it be they have not received their marching orders yet?

Mayor Johnson came to the special hearing on June 24th ready to discuss the issue and answer all questions. Berkshire Power was also there to answer questions. Did the council take this opportunity to become informed?

Instead of inviting the Mayor to speak, they pontificated about separation of powers, etc. Never once did they tell the Mayor that they would go into a "Committee as a whole" to listen to him during "their special meeting." They just refused to listen to him during what they described as "his special meeting." Another missed opportunity for knowledge.

Once "their special meeting" started, they discussed hiring a special consultant to advise them on the agreement. Of course, as they well know, by the time this is done, if ever, July 31st will probably have come and gone. The State Legislature will close down and the councilors will have succeeded in avoiding a vote once more. Is that their plan?

Otherwise, why do they spend so much time with the opposition discussing strategy at breaks and after the meetings? It is their right to discuss issues with anyone. But they should also be up front on their positions. If they want to stop the plant, be honest, take a vote, and live with the results.

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LETTERS - from Page 5...

The citizens of Agawam must watch the actions of these councilors and not just listen to their words. Don't accept praise on your opinions from the same councilors who had to be forced to let you speak. Don't listen to their cries for information when they refuse to accept it at every turn.

Their words call for action while their actions are intended to stall and stall and stall.

You, the voters, must decide if these councilors are working in the best interest of the town or not.

Frank Meagher
Feeding Hills

Power Plant Opposition Offers More Info To Community**To The Editor:**

The Concerned Citizens & Businesses of Agawam would like to inform the people of Agawam about the following new facts.

**Berkshire Power Plant Facts
Summary Judgement**

1) The superior court judge ruled that BPD did not need a special permit, under Agawam zoning 180-11H, conditions may be attached only to special permits. When the Zoning Board of Appeals voted on what they thought was a special permit, the two "majority" members voted contingent on 45-plus conditions, since the judge ruled that it did not need a special permit, then no conditions could be attached and therefore the votes of all three members of the ZBA would have been negative votes. Since the judge ruled that BPD application was merely a request for a height "deviation," BPD at this time must apply to ZBA for permission for bulk storage of petroleum products, and reopen the hearings.

1A) The Power Plant cannot be built here; it does not comply with our zoning laws. If the Zoning Board of Appeals does not enforce our zoning laws, then the CCBA will go to court to have them enforced.

2) The Energy Facilities Siting Board in their final decision has ruled that:

a) The power plant is too noisy; additional noise remediation equipment must be installed to comply with noise level requirements;

b) The power plant must use drinking water; the use of well water is forbidden. In the event of drought, the only alternate water supply is trucked in water. In an eight-hour workday, it will require over 29, 9,000-gallon trucks per hour;

c) Berkshire Power must establish monitoring stations for detrimental impacts of plume to alleviate concerns for fogging and icing conditions.

d) The 125' stack height must be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to ensure public health concerns.

3) Berkshire Power has refused to discuss methods of reducing the detrimental visual impact of the plume.

4) The Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement is grossly deficient in comparison to what other communities are receiving.

The CCBA will continue to keep you updated.

Karl Stieg
Agawam

Clark School Beautification Effort Earns Special Award**To The Editor:**

In recognition of the beautification project conducted at the James Clark School this spring (as reported in the June 13, 1996 edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News*), the Agawam Beautification Committee has awarded a special Achievement Certificate to the school and those participating.

The students, teachers, P.T.O., and parent volunteers at the James Clark School have not only made the area a more attractive place to visit and learn, but they have accomplished it with wide community involvement.

Their collective efforts should be viewed with a sense of pride by the entire Town of Agawam. Also noteworthy is their expressed intention to continue this beautification project on an annual basis.

**John R. Zebryk & Councilor George Bitzas for the
AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

**BERKSHIRE POWER responds to Council:
See Letter On Page 7...**

James Clark P.T.O. Deserves A Great Deal Of Praise**To The Editor:**

To The James Clark P.T.O. And All Their Volunteers:

My heartfelt thanks to all of you who have given the children of James Clark School a wonderful year.

I recently volunteered my time for my son's fourth grade picnic and graduation; I have never realized how much time and effort it takes to do the wonderful things you people do for our children.

The time, effort, hard work, and love shows with the quality programs and events that are put together by you. The children certainly enjoy them all.

Hats off to all of you for a tremendous job well done!

Sincerely,
Ann Hartmann
Feeding Hills

A "Memory Quiz" For Readers Of The AAN**To The Editor:**

Here is a "memory quiz" for your readers:

1. Do you remember one year ago when Councilor Taylor asked, "Why not let the power plant go through the permitting process to see what happens?"

2. Do you remember one year ago when the life span of the proposed power plant was quoted at 20 years, not the 40 years being quoted today?

3. Do you remember the last major gas shortage when it was predicted that fossil fuels would be exhausted by the year 2020, the 21st birthday of the Berkshire Power plant?

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The MassPlan loan program, administered by MEFA, is designed to help families who do not receive enough financial aid from traditional sources and who need assistance financing college costs. The MassPlan is offered to families through a partnership with 63 colleges and universities in Massachusetts. A further advantage of the MassPlan is the tax-deductibility of interest through the Home Equity Option that provides additional savings for homeowners.

Any family interested in receiving an application or additional information about this important low cost college financing option should contact 1-800-449-MEFA.

LETTERS - from Page 6...

Berkshire Power Responds To Council On Tax Treaty

To The Editor:

When Berkshire Power was introduced to Agawam almost two years ago, we proposed an in-lieu-of-tax proposal of \$1 million per year. We made it very clear that acceptance of the tax proposal was an important element in choosing a host community. At that time, there were no objections raised by the Council to the \$1 million offer. In fact, in its response to Berkshire Power's RFP, the town indicated its willingness to sign an agreement.

After choosing Agawam as the host community, Berkshire Power representatives negotiated with Mayor Johnson — the only person in Agawam authorized by the town's charter to negotiate contracts.

The result of these negotiations was an agreement that provided a number of protections and benefits to the community, additional up-front payments of \$275,000 per year during the planned two-year construction period, and an additional \$200,000 per year escalating at three-percent each year for the life of the project. This represents more than a 20-percent increase over the original proposal of \$1 million per year.

The payment in-lieu-of-tax amounts were examined by two independent consultants. The Town of Agawam utilized Patriot Properties, and Berkshire Power had the numbers reviewed by the Bix Six accounting firm Arthur Andersen. Given that there have already been two independent reviews, Berkshire Power sees no reason to be a party to further delays, especially since the Council has known for months that the legislative session ends on July 31st.

The Council has been aware of the original offer since 1994, and this Council has had the agreement in front of them for almost two months. There has been ample opportunity to raise any questions or concerns with us during that time.

As we have stated repeatedly, the decision before the Council is whether or not they would prefer the tax agreement or if they would rather have Berkshire Power obtain manufacturer's tax-exempt status.

If they accept the agreement, Agawam will receive almost \$90 million over the life of the agreement. If the Council tells us they do not want the agreement, Berkshire Power will be forced to obtain manufacturer's status, and the town will lose approximately \$77 million over the life of the agreement.

There have been assertions that other INDEPENDENT power projects contribute more money to their host communities over the life of their contracts. These assertions have never been proven to be true and, until there is verifiable documentation to back up these claims, they should have no part in this discussion.

We are seeking direction from the Council. The Council will determine which amount Berkshire Power pays to the community. Any delays in making this choice moves the clock closer to the end of this legislative session.

If the Council says no by refusing to act in time or votes against the agreement, we will abide by their decision, but we will not be held responsible for their actions.

Kevin O'Reilly
Berkshire Power Public Relations

Check our classified...

Zoning Board Closes Doors; Vote On Power Plant Delayed Until Presstime

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

What had been posted as an open meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals turned into a 90-minute session behind closed and locked doors before ZBA members returned to say no action on the Berkshire Power controversy would be decided that evening. Opponents to the Berkshire Power project found themselves cooling their heels in the vestibule and on the steps of Town Hall early Monday evening when the doors were shut.

About 20 town residents, mainly power plant opponents, complained that they had been insulted when they were escorted from the Town Clerk's Office at the behest of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Most galling to the crowd was Johnson's remark to Town Clerk Richard Theroux, "And don't forget to lock the door."

Priscilla Peterson, a World War II veteran and past grand marshal of the town's Memorial Day Parade, said, "We were insulted. Don't they recognize honorable people when they see them? As if we were going to open the door. This is a democracy and we were interested enough to come here. I fought for freedom and this isn't freedom."

The ZBA had been expected to go into a brief executive session before rendering a decision on whether or not to appeal a Superior Court ruling handed down last week in Berkshire Power's favor.

In January, the ZBA voted 2-1 in favor of granting the power development company a special permit to exceed the 40-foot height requirement for structures in the industrial zone. But, the board held that in order for the permit to be issued, their decision must be unanimous.

Last week, Justice William H. Welch upheld Berkshire's challenge to the ZBA decision on the grounds that the town's zoning code does not impose a special permit requirement and the 2-1 vote was sufficient to approve Berkshire's request to build in excess of 40 feet in the industrial district.

An Executive Session Is Declared...

On Monday night, ZBA Chairman Ronald Hebert opened the meeting and, with the agreement of members Raymond Gendron and Doreen Prouty, immediately declared an executive session to discuss possible litigation strategies with Town Solicitor Thomas S. Locke. ZBA alternate Debra Curtis attended the session along with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Town Councilors Gary Suffriti, George Bitzas, and David Skolnick.

Attorney Gina Letellier, representing the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA), protested Hebert's action in allowing the Mayor and town councilors to attend an executive session of the ZBA.

Citing Massachusetts General Laws, Ms. Letellier said only the members of the ZBA were allowed to attend an executive session of that board and the topic of their discussion was narrowly defined to include only matters relating to privacy concerns.

Ms. Letellier said that an exception could be made for Locke to attend the meeting because possible litigation was the subject of discussion. But other town officials should not be attending the executive session, she said.

Hebert said that the Mayor and the councilors had been invited to attend, but Ms. Letellier said the CCBA would likely file a complaint with the District Attorney within the next 10 days protesting a violation of the state's open meeting laws.

At the conclusion of the closed door session, the ZBA returned to open session and unanimously tabled a vote on their decision in the appeals case.

Hebert said the board needed more time to receive additional information from the town solicitor. And, in an apparent reference to the two special Town Council meetings scheduled for later that evening to discuss the tax treaty hammered out between the town and Berkshire Power, Hebert said, "We want to see what happens in the next few days."

Hebert scheduled the next ZBA meeting for Thursday, June 27th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

In his decision granting summary judgement to Berkshire Power in their appeal of the ZBA ruling, Judge Welch stated, "Due to the manner in which the Town drafted its Zoning code, Berkshire's intended use of the property is a use as of right, and cannot be made subject to the grant of a special permit."

"Further, by their language the zoning provisions in question do not even impose a special permit requirement on Berkshire Power... As a special permit was not required in this instance, a unanimous vote of the Board was also not required."

CCBA spokesman Karl Stieg said, "Since the judge ruled that Berkshire Power's application was merely a request for a height 'deviation,' Berkshire Power at this time must apply to the ZBA for permission for bulk storage of petroleum products and reopen the (public) hearings."



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Regular Council Meeting Agenda For Monday, July 1st

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - None
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-96-13-(PH-96-3)-(PE-96-3)-Group Pet., Art. 8, Sec. 8-1 (b) (Proposed in lieu of tax agreement) (Pres. Thompson)(Tabled on 6/24/96).
2. TR-96-18-Resolution to File Special Legislation to Amend the Agawam Home Rule Charter to Reduce the Number of Councilors from Eleven (11) to Seven (7) Subject to Approval by the Voters (Mayor).
3. TR-96-19-Resolution to Honor Agawam High School Student Philip McGeoghan for his Outstanding Performances at the Western Mass. High School Track Finals; the Mass. High School Track Finals and the New England High School Track Finals (Coun. Bitzas).
4. TR-96-20-Resolution to Honor Agawam High School Girls Softball Team and the Boys Baseball Team for Winning their Respective Western Mass. High School Championships (Coun. Bitzas).

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections
None.

9. Public Hearings

(a)

1. PH-96-5-(TO-96-22)-Application for Class II Dealer License Bear Auto, 517 Springfield St., FH (Conduct Public Hearing).

10. Old Business

- (a)
1. TO-96-21-Voucher List (\$56.86).
2. TO-96-23-To discuss and vote on hiring an outside independent consultant to review and make recommendation on the proposed in lieu of tax contracts between the Town of Agawam and Berkshire Power (Coun. Skolnick, Perry, Servis, Ennis, Caba, Langone).
3. TO-96-25-To discuss and vote on hiring an outside attorney to act as independent counsel to conduct the investigation as called for under Council Rule No. 38 in regards to PE-96-2 (Coun. Skolnick, Perry, Servis, Ennis, Caba, Langone).

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

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Seat Belt Safety Poster Contest Winners



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB and THE AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT co-sponsored a "Seat Belt Safety Poster Contest" for elementary school children. From left - Donna M. Shibley, Junior Women's Club; Sara Savard, 1st place, Robinson School; Elise Davilli, 1st place, Phelps School; Enjoli Chiclana, 2nd place, Phelps School; Ryan Belisle, 2nd place, Clark School; Brett Longhi, 1st place, Phelps School; and Police Officer Thomas Marmo, APD Traffic Bureau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Fred Flathman Honored For 15 Years On Conservation Comm.

The Agawam Conservation Commission remembered its eldest member at its June 13, 1996 meeting.

Fred Flathman tirelessly served a continuous term with the Agawam Conservation Commission since 1981. In honor of Mr. Flathman, the Commission will erect a memorial on one of the several Agawam Conservation Commission properties in Town.

Universally, Mr. Flathman is best remembered as one of the nicest people you ever met. Although in his seventies when first appointed to the Commission, he carried out his obligations with an unflagging commitment to that duty and he did it with honor.

Mr. Flathman regularly attended on-site visits for Commission business. He did not shy away from any of his "obligations," even if it required him to walk several miles through the few remaining "wild" properties in Agawam.

In his eighties, he actively participated in the evaluation of wetlands in the pathway of both phases of the Route 57 expansion. Although limited to driving his automobile during daylight hours recently, Mr. Flathman failed to offer excuses for not attending Commission meetings or on-site visits. In his own words, he was simply "staggering."

Individually, Commission members will miss his genuine interest in our families, and especially our children. We will remember his honesty and respect for others. We will also miss our own amazement at his determination and stamina.

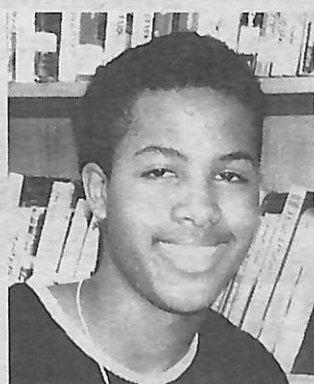
Whatever limitations he thought he may have imposed on the Commission, either individually or as a group, they were certainly not an inconvenience. We welcomed his participation and the promise of his insights.

Thank you, Fred Flathman.

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TAX TREATY IN LIMBO - from Page 1...

Acting as local counsel for Berkshire Power, Attorney Michael Walsh said the company's enhanced offer of \$1.2 million, escalating at three-percent per year, would remain on the table until the close of the state's legislative session on July 31st. At this time, the company would begin the process of seeking a manufacturer's tax exemption resulting in annual revenues for the town estimated at \$285,000 at most, Walsh said.

All in-lieu-of-tax treaties must first be approved by the local legislative body and then enacted into law by the State Legislature.

Difficulty For Tax Treaty Approval...

With time running out on the legislative calendar, Walsh said it would be difficult to have the tax treaty approved by both the State Senate and the House of Representatives, even if the Council were to approve the contract at its next meeting.

"Make no mistake about it," Walsh said. "We're not bluffing. We intend to take advantage of every aspect of the law. We negotiated in good faith with the Mayor, who's empowered to negotiate for the town. We'd like to go forward with the \$1.2 million agreement. We thought it was something the town wanted, but we still have the other avenue to pursue."

At the second special meeting called by Skolnick, Perry, Servis, Ennis, Caba, and Langone, the Council discussed hiring an independent consultant to review and make recommendations on the proposed in-lieu-of-tax contract.

The Council is expected to vote on hiring a consultant next Monday at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Advocating for the hiring of a consultant to advise the Council, Suffriti said, "There is nobody here (on the Council) with the professional credentials to deal with a payment in-lieu-of-tax

contract. We're out of our league and should get the proper people involved so we can make a decision."

Arguing against bringing in an outside expert, Quatrone said the Mayor had been elected to negotiate on behalf of the town, and the Council had been elected to make financial decisions on behalf of the town.

Quatrone said the councilors had the agreement for ample time to research the contract to the best of their abilities.

Bitzas said some councilors were talking out of both sides of their mouths in saying they wanted more information on the contract from the administration and yet refused to allow Johnson and Berkshire Power representatives an opportunity to speak to the Council.

Servis, who said he supports the power plant, said he is looking for an expert opinion on the tax contract. "We don't have anyone who is an expert in the field of negotiating with power companies. This is not a vote of no confidence in the Mayor's ability to negotiate in the best interest of the town."

Ennis said the Council had been dancing around the real issue, the contract itself. "My opinion as a simple man is that the administration blew it," Ennis said.

Perry said the Council was "crazy" not to ask for a consultant to look into legal issues relating to the contract.

"Of course we'd all like more money, but that's not the issue here," Perry said. "There are legal issues here that have to be looked at. There's no option for renegotiating for 40 years and, as a businessman, that doesn't make sense to me."

Bitzas said the town stood to lose out if the Council continues to delay action on the contract. "I hope the intent here is not to delay," Bitzas said.

Agawam Obituaries**Joseph F. Schebel**

Joseph F. Schebel, 55, of Northampton Street, Holyoke, a retired set-up man for Milton Bradley, died at a local nursing home. He retired in 1990.

Born in Springfield, he attended Springfield Trade School.

He was a 25-year Agawam resident before moving to Holyoke three years ago.

He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Springfield, and was active in softball, bowling, and golf leagues in the Springfield area.

He leaves two sons, Joseph F. Jr. of Agawam and Gordon P. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Jacqueline D. Schott of Springfield and Janine M. Schebel of West Springfield; a brother, Charles of Florida; two sisters, Evelyn Ricardi and Marion Powers, both of Springfield; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Martha M. Seriva

Martha M. (Stanwell) Seriva, 69, of 10 Gary Place, Feeding Hills, a retired sorter at Holyoke Card and Paper Co., died in local nursing home.

She was previously a sales clerk at the former Forbes & Wallace department store in Springfield.

Born in Chicopee, she moved to Feeding Hills 40 years ago. She was a member of Valley Community Church.

She leaves her husband, Christy J. Seriva; two daughters, Ethel Mae Hawkins of Montgomery and Mary M. Shean of Agawam; a sister, Margaret E. Giguere of Agawam; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the church, with burial at Springfield's Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Corridan Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, or to Country Estates Nursing Home Residents' Activity Fund, 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Agawam Police Explorers To Meet June 30th To Discuss Program On Law Enforcement

Shannon Netopski of the Agawam Police Explorers has announced that there is a program open to all males and females ages 14 and up who are interested in law enforcement and learning while having fun.

The Police Explorers will be meeting on June 30th and July 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community

Room of the Agawam Police Station.

The members of the Agawam Police Explorers have camp outs, CPR training, gun courses, fingerprinting children, and march in parades. They also learn to speak to the public, learn first aid, security, parking and much more.

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STATE REP. DANIEL F. KEENAN and his new summer intern, Marc Swikalus. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Marc Swikalus Named Summer Intern By State Rep. Keenan

Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce that Marc Swikalus, the son of Bob and Nancy Swikalus of Feeding Hills, has joined his staff as a summer intern.

"I am very happy that the summer intern program allows college students such as Marc to gain practical knowledge of state government," said Keenan.

Swikalus, who was graduated from Agawam High School in 1995, is currently attending Bentley College in Waltham, MA. During the summer, Swikalus will work in Rep. Keenan's district office in Agawam, as well as his State House office in Boston.

"I hope to be a valuable addition and resource to Representative Keenan in serving the needs of the residents of the District and also learn 'first-hand' about Massachusetts government," stated Swikalus.

"Marc's organizational skills and dedication will be an asset to me and all the residents of the Third Hampden District," concluded Keenan.

Agawam To Receive Reimbursement For Snow Removal

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency has issued reimbursement funds to the Town of Agawam for costs incurred by the Town's snow removal efforts following the January 1996 blizzard. The payment to the Town is \$39,827.

"The Town of Agawam worked very hard to keep roads safe from ice and snow during one of the harshest winters we have experienced in decades," said Rep. Keenan. "I am pleased to see that these costs are being reimbursed."

Due to the severity and number of storms experienced in the Commonwealth this year, many communities exhausted their snow removal budgets. In response to this situation, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Recovery Group successfully secured federal financial assistance for cities and towns across the state.

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PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AGAWAM

The scheduled public hearing in accordance with Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b) for Monday, July 1, 1996 for the purpose of determining if the mis-use of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration has been postponed until Monday, August 5, 1996.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

Published: June 27, 1996

Best local news

Melconian Says State's New Budget Includes Money For Renovations To Agawam Schools

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced the June 20th passage of the FY '97 state budget, which contains reimbursement provisions that will allow three Agawam elementary schools to begin renovations.

"I am delighted with the budget enacted by the Legislature because it is able to fund many valuable local programs while still maintaining a commitment to state programs in human services and education," Melconian said.

The budget was able to fund several school remodeling projects, including \$210,272 for Agawam Phelps Elementary School under the School Building Assistance Board (SBAB). The SBAB was also extended for another five years, and "Bridge Financing" was extended from three to five years, which will allow Agawam Clark and Agawam Granger Schools to begin renovations before they start to receive reimbursements in FY '98.

"Bridge Financing" enables communities to pay back only the interest on notes over five years. This will enable the schools to take out notes immediately, start the renovations, and receive their designated state reimbursement for the project and the interest on the notes starting in FY '98.

"I am very pleased that Phelps received funding in this budget, and that Granger and Clark will not be overlooked," Melconian said. "We need to provide our children with a pleasant working environment conducive to learning."

The conference report maintained virtually all of the programs Melconian championed in the Senate budget. The Western Massachusetts Crime Laboratory, located at the Agawam Criminal Justice Training Council, will once again receive \$200,000. This will enable the lab to continue accurately processing evidence in criminal proceedings.

For the first time, Hampden County will participate in a part-time trial court day-care program under funds transferred from the DSS. Residents using the buildings, including those in trial court and on jury duty, will now be able to use the day-care facilities for their children.

Held June 15th-17th at Springfield College, the Massachusetts Senior Games were a resounding success. Competitors from all over the Commonwealth traveled to Hampden County to experience the competition, spirit, and pride that these games provide.

Melconian, who has been a supporter of the Games since their inception, again was able to obtain a \$15,000 earmark from the Legislature to fund the 1997 event.

"The Senior Games have been a great success over the years, and I will do whatever I can to ensure they run smoothly and that the funding is always provided," Melconian said.

The Conference Report also upheld the human services and education programs that the Senate supported. The Children's Initiative Act will add \$23 million for foster services and juvenile justice programs.

The foster care system is in need of funding, and these initiatives will recruit new foster parents, establish bridge homes, increase education reimbursement, and improve general child welfare.

"We have a commitment to foster children in the Commonwealth, to give them as stable a childhood as possible and provide them with the best chance of success," Melconian said.

Education Reform is completely funded in the FY '97 budget, and Agawam schools will receive nearly \$8 million in education money. Spending for public higher education is increased by \$53 million.

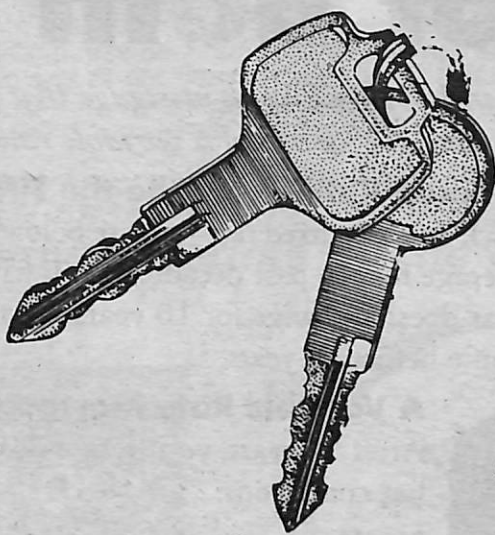
The Conference Committee budget also includes a tuition tax credit worth \$10 million next year and \$17 million the subsequent year. Tuition payments would be tax deductible, provided they exceed 25 percent of a family's adjusted gross income.

"I am very happy with the education spending in the budget," Melconian said. "We are meeting the needs of our communities, and providing resources so our higher education institutions can compete."

The conference report will now be sent to the Governor's desk.



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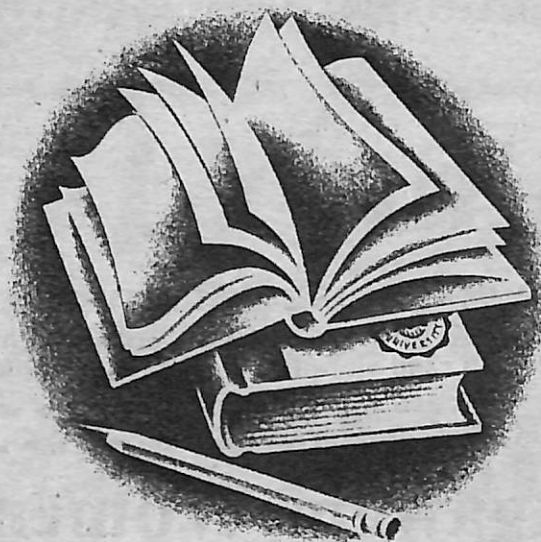


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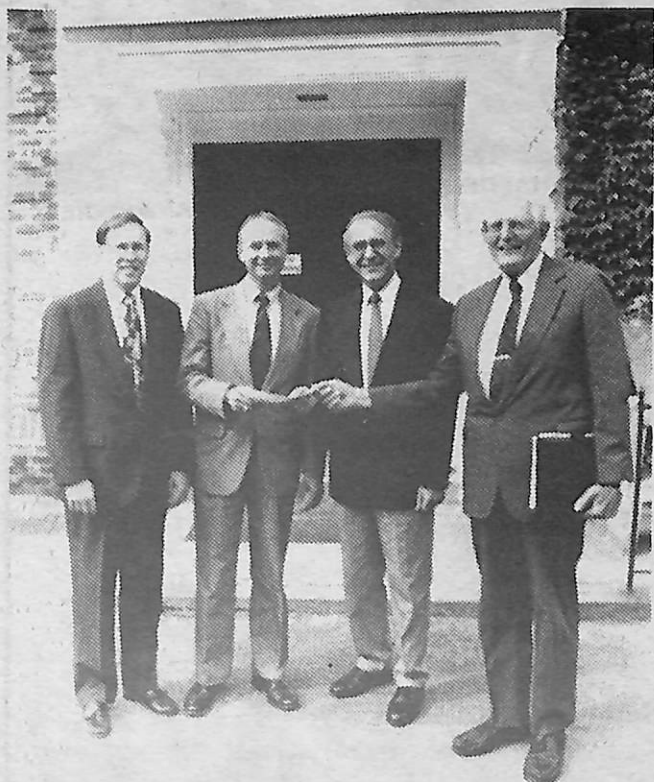
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CHECK PRESENTATION OF \$1,000 to the Agawam Beautification Committee from the Agawam Chamber. From left - Donald Anderson and Richard Bellico, Chamber; George Bitzas, Town Councilor; and John R. Zebryk, Beautification Commission. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Supports Beautification Goals

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce feels that the efforts of the Agawam Beautification Committee to improve the quality of life in the community is consistent with its goals to maintain and attract business. In support of those common goals, the Agawam Chamber has again donated \$1,000 to the Committee's beautification programs.

At a recent meeting with the Board of the Agawam Chamber, John Zebryk and George Bitzas of the Beautification Committee outlined the Committee's plans and programs and thanked the Chamber for its past support. In 1995, the Chamber also contributed \$1,000, which was used primarily to prepare the town for the large influx of visitors to the PGA golf tournament.

The 1996 donation will be used to install additional flower planters at strategic town locations and will help defray the cost of a proposed Town Hall landscaping effort. Most shrubs at the Town Hall were destroyed a few years ago and never replaced.

Speaking for the Agawam Chamber, Rick Bellico said, "The Beautification Committee's many activities and accomplishments are only made possible by the work of many volunteers and the donations of others. Their budget is tiny and their sole purpose is to make Agawam a more attractive and better place to live. We are pleased to share their goals and support their efforts."

Councilman George Bitzas, a member of the Committee, was most appreciative of the Chamber's generous contribution and the wholesome community spirit displayed by the Chamber as a whole and separately by many of its individual members. He said, "The Chamber's donation exceeds our Committee's entire 1995 operating budget and reflects the kind of volunteerism we are promoting. We also are delighted to learn that they accepted our invitation to provide a representative at our meetings."

The redesign and beautification of the three major gateways to Agawam is a major new project still in the planning stage. Its review and implementation will require the inputs and support of the Chamber and all segments of the town.

On October 18, 1996, the Beautification Committee, the Town Planning Department, and the designer, Professor Ahern of the University of Massachusetts School of Landscape Architecture, are scheduled to make a detailed presentation of that proposed project to the entire membership of the Agawam Chamber.

Don Anderson of the Chamber and John Zebryk of the Committee expressed the view that these projects are opportunities for the combined interests of private residents, businesses, and town government to come together to attain some of the community objectives expressed in the town's 1993 Coming Together for Consensus Report.



MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Agawam Women's Club include, from left - Gail Russo, director; Phyllis Catchepaugh, director; Joanne Willis, president; Faith Freeman, 2nd vice-president; Marion Mills, corresponding secretary; Alice Collins, assistant treasurer; and Karen Douglas, recording secretary. Missing: Ruth Pieper, treasurer, and Sandy Mueller, director. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Women's Club Planning For 1996-97 Club Season

The members of the Executive Board of the Agawam Women's Club met recently at the home of club president Joanne Willis to formulate plans and programs for the upcoming club year. Proposed programs include local chiropractor Dr. Tami Nelson on "Holiday Stress Busters," jewelry making by Joyce Roche, "It's Magic" with magician Wayne Ball, and a tour of the new Agawam Fire Station on Main Street.

The club will kick off its regular meeting schedule with its annual covered dish supper on Monday, September 23rd. The Agawam Women's Club meets on the fourth Monday of the month at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

The Agawam Women's Club is dedicated to

mutual helpfulness, the advancement of public welfare, and the promotion of the civic and cultural interests. Anyone interested in learning more about the Women's Club may call President Joanne Willis at 789-1360.

The Board of Directors elected at the annual meeting in April are: **Joanne Willis**, President; **Marjorie Greenough**, First Vice President; **Faith Freeman**, Second Vice President; **Karen Douglass**, Recording Secretary; **Marion Mills**, Corresponding Secretary; **Ruth Pieper**, Treasurer; **Alice Collins**, Assistant Treasurer; and Directors, **Phyllis Catchepaugh**, **Sandy Mueller**, and **Gail Russo**.

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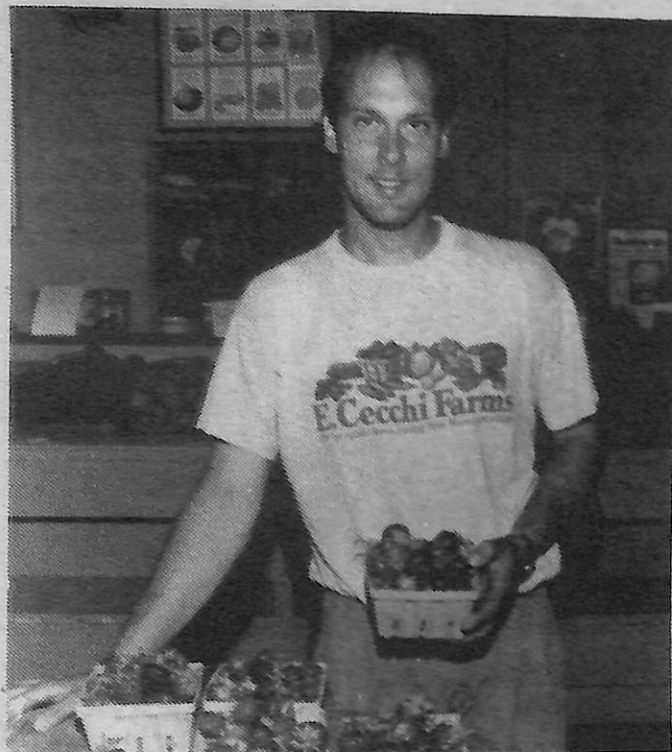
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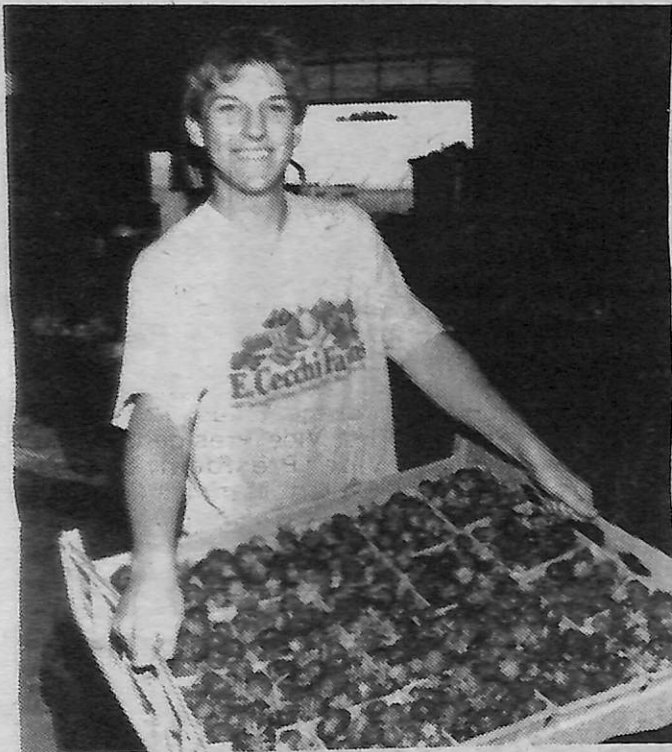
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Suburban Girls' Softball Team To Hold Car Wash On June 29th

The Agawam suburban girls' 13-15 softball team will be holding a car wash and bake sale on Saturday, June 29th, at Sacred Heart Church from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The cost is \$2 for cars and \$3 for vans. Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the ASA program.

Come support Agawam softball by having your vehicle washed by the suburban girls' softball team.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 1st: Salisbury steak, egg noodles, carrots, pumpernickel bread, plum.

Tuesday, July 2nd: Birthdays and anniversaries—baked chicken leg, potato rounds, peas, pumpernickel bread.

Wednesday, July 3rd: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, corn, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit.

Thursday, July 4th: Senior Center closed. (Happy Fourth of July!)

Friday, July 5th: Seafood salad on a roll, baked beans, cole slaw, canned peaches.

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THE AGAWAM CHAPTER OF AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS (AFS) held its Annual Community Farewell on Sunday, June 23rd, for the five AFS exchange students who spent the past year as seniors at Agawam High School. The students are leaving on July 8th. From left - Marcos Damus, Paraguay; Katia Prolongeau, France; Carolina Jurado, Panama; Brigitte Blum, Switzerland; and Ging Klaewvigkrum, Thailand.

Ag. AFS Honors Host Families & Departing Students At Social

On Sunday evening, June 23rd, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) hosted its Annual Community Farewell.

This event was held to say goodbye to the five foreign exchange students who have resided in Agawam this past year and to honor the five Agawam families who hosted these students as seniors at Agawam High School.

Thank-you's go to first-time host parents Phil & Chris Machos, who hosted Marcos Damus from Paraguay; Dave & Teri Gallerani, four-time host parents who hosted Carolina Jurado from Panama; first-time host parents Pat & Donna DeCoteau opened their home to Gingkaew Klaewvigkrum from Thailand; Pat & Karen Asta-Ferrero, four-time host parents, opened their home to Katia Prolongeau of France; and Dan & Lee Lacienski, also four-time host parents, who hosted Brigitte Blum from Switzerland.

Also honored were four local students who will be departing for stays in Europe and South America. The students are being sponsored by Agawam AFS.

Participating in the Summer AFS Programs are Lisa Gallerani, who is visiting Paraguay, and Lisa Reveruzzi, who will be staying in France.

Participating in the AFS Year Programs are Kelly Stoddard, who is visiting Sweden, and Katie Hanrahan, daughter of Mary Ellen Bruce, the Agawam AFS faculty advisor at Agawam High. Katie is traveling to Switzerland for the year.

Farewell and best wishes to all the foreign exchange students!



THESE FOUR STUDENTS are being sponsored by Agawam AFS to visit and study in foreign countries. From left - Kelly Stoddard, 1 year to Sweden; Katie Hanrahan, 1 year to Switzerland; Lisa Gallerani, now in Paraguay for the summer; and Lisa Reveruzzi, heading for France on Saturday, June 29th.

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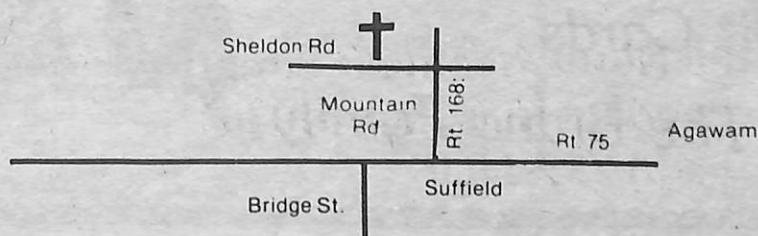


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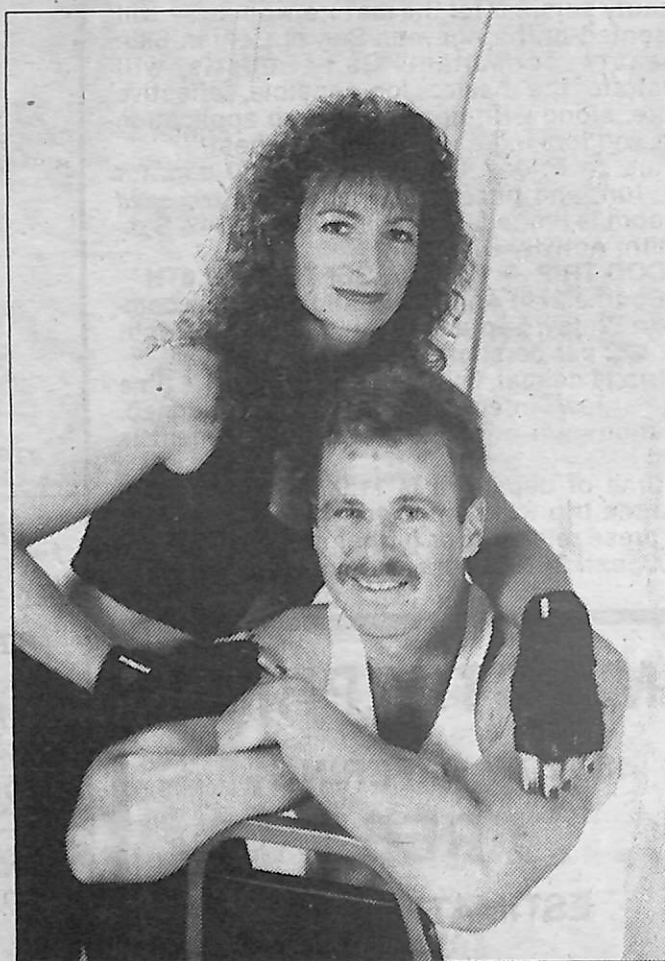
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Agawam Senior Center's Calendar Of July Events

Monday, July 1st: 9:30 a.m., Weldon Hearing Van (by appointment - call the Senior Center); 1:00 p.m., Bingo (open to all seniors).

Tuesday, July 2nd: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available by appointment/health insurance assistance; 11:30 a.m., Birthdays and anniversaries celebrated (by reservation, please); 12:30 p.m., Movie of the week; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check (no appointment needed).

Wednesday, July 3rd: 9:00 a.m., Podiatry with Dr. Dickert (by appointment); no Golden Agers' Chapter II meeting (BBQ at Shaker Farms).

Thursday, July 4th: The Senior Center is closed for the "Fourth of July" holiday.

Friday, July 5th: No blood sugar check; call Agawam Health Department if it's imperative.

Saturday, July 6th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, July 8th: 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, July 9th: 9:30 a.m., Bus trip to "The Jerry Vale Show"; 12:30 p.m., Movie.

Wednesday, July 10th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter I.

Thursday, July 11th: 9:00 a.m., Podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

Friday, July 12th: 12:30 Special Program - "The Changing Face of Beauty" with Gail Roberts (call in your reservation; 786-0400, ext. 242).

Saturday, July 13th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, July 15th: 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, July 16th: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available by appointment.

Tuesday, July 16th: 12:30 p.m., Movie; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check.

Wednesday, July 17th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter II.

Thursday, July 18th: 9:00 a.m., Foot care nurses (by appointment).

Saturday, July 20th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, July 22nd: 9:00 a.m., Weldon Center Hearing Van (by appointment); 1:00 p.m., meeting of the Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter of AARP.

Tuesday, July 23rd: 12:30 p.m., Movie; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan (by appointment).

Wednesday, July 24th: No Golden Agers' Chapter I meeting (BBQ at the Polish Club).

Saturday, July 27th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, July 29th: 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, July 30th: 12:30 p.m., Movie.

"THE CHANGING FACE OF BEAUTY"

On July 12th, "The Changing Face of Beauty" — a beauty seminar for the mature woman — will be presented at the Agawam Senior Center. Skin care/beauty consultant Gail Roberts will demonstrate the basics for sensible, effective skin care, along with tips on makeup application to keep you looking and feeling your best.

Join us on Friday, July 12th, at 12:30 p.m. for beauty, fun, and prizes. *Reservations are requested* since room is limited. Call 786-0400, ext. 242, Sandra Smith, Activity Director.

CAPE COD TRIP — FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

The Bourne 27th Annual "Scallop-Fest" is coming up on Friday, September 6th. The price is right — only \$22 per person!

The trip is casual, so dress accordingly. If time allows, a few interesting stops are planned. Reservations are now open, and full payment is required.

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Ag. Golden Age Club July Calendar

July 3rd: Chapter 2 - Annual Chicken Barbecue to be held at the Shaker Farms Country Club, Westfield. Dinner at 12:00 noon; entertainment to follow.

July 5th: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

July 10th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Mr. Edward Schultz, who'll be making a video presentation on the history of the Springfield area.

July 11th: Chapter 2 - A "Mystery Trip" (dinner included).

July 17th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Mr. Jerry Mallette, who will speak on "Investment Fraud."

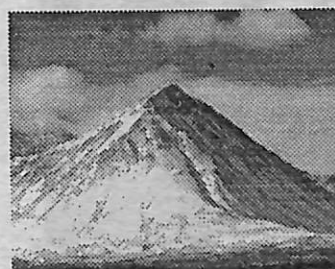
July 18th: Chapter 1 - A trip to "Independence Harbour."

July 24th: Chapter 1 - Annual Chicken Barbecue to be held at the Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills. Dinner at 12:30 p.m.; entertainment to follow.

July 26th: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

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Annual Arts & Crafts Fair By Ag. Junior Women



THE AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS were some of the exhibitors at the Annual Agawam Junior Women's Club's Arts & Crafts Fair on the front lawn of the Captain Charles Leonard House. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Junior Women's Club members Paula Macaulay, Patti Dionne, Margaret Timmons, and Pat Belisle were on hand to make sure the one-day event ran smoothly. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



EXHIBITORS at the Annual Agawam Junior Women's Club's Arts & Crafts Fair held earlier this month included, from left - Doris Maule and Laura Coppola; Paula Fox, and Annmarie LaZazzera and Rosemarie Remillard. The event was held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Nicole Lee Pajer Competes In State Scholarship Pageant

Nicole Lee Pajer of Agawam, the current "Miss Southern Massachusetts," was among 20 young women who recently competed for the title of "Miss Massachusetts 1996" in the annual Miss Massachusetts Scholarship Pageant.

The two-night State Pageant, which was a preliminary to the Miss America Pageant, was held on June 14th and 15th at the Zeiterion Theater in New Bedford.

Nicole is graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where she majored in Psychology and Dance Education. Her talent at the pageant was "Lyrical Dance," and her platform was "Academic Assessment and Testing."

The annual Miss Massachusetts Scholarship Pageant includes 20 contestants from throughout Massachusetts who compete for scholarship money and the opportunity to compete in the Miss America Pageant held each September in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Miss America Program is the largest source of scholarship money for young women in America.

Downtown Springfield Toastmasters Club To Meet On July 3rd

The next Springfield Toastmasters meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 3rd, at 12:00 noon in the Bank of Boston building. It will be open to the public and will last for one hour.

This meeting will provide anyone interested in Toastmasters an opportunity to see a meeting first-hand, and will provide detailed information about the group now seeking charter members.

Toastmasters is a non-profit, international organization which is dedicated to the development of effective communication and leadership skills. A Toastmasters Club is designed to create a safe and professional learning environment that will allow its members to develop verbal communication and presentation skills through a self-paced and low-cost format.

The Toastmasters International organization has been in existence for 72 years and manages over 8,000 clubs around the world. There are currently 12 community and company clubs here in Western Massachusetts.

Anyone interested in learning more about Toastmasters is encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in the Third Floor Community Room in the Bank of Boston building at 1350 Main Street in Springfield.

For more information, call Bill Corbett at UniCARE Insurance Company at 858-5633, or Joanne Attardi at Bank of Boston at 731-4064.

Lee Family Announces Birth Of Baby Boy

Michelle (Miller) and James Lee of Agawam announce the birth of their son, Hunter James, who was born on April 21st at 9:25 a.m.

Hunter weighed in at 10 pounds, six ounces, and measured 24 inches long. He was welcomed home by his six year-old brother, Anthony.

The grandparents are Roy and Margaret Miller of West Springfield, and Betty Lee of Springfield.

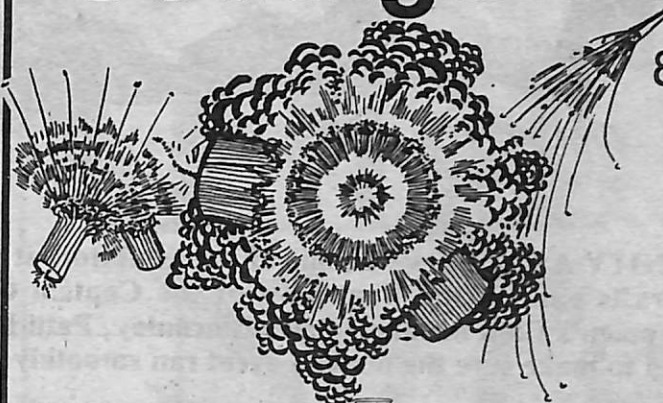
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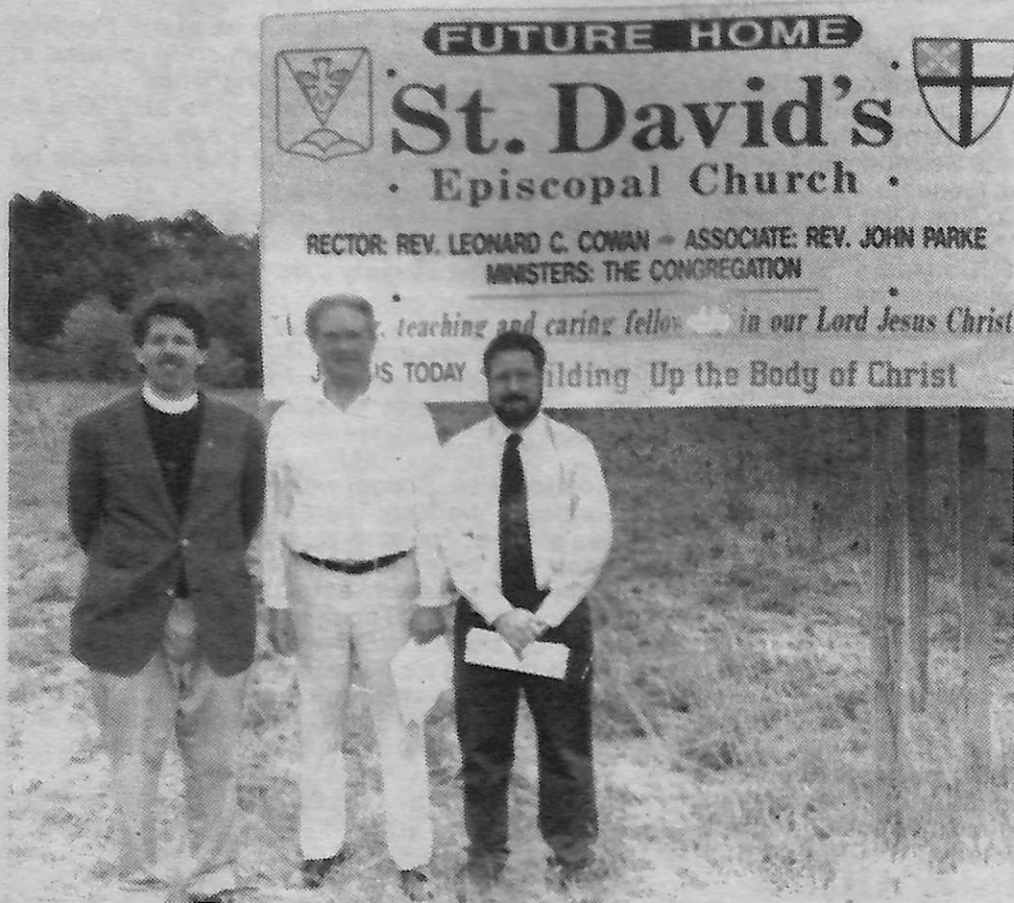
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Vacation Bible School Planned At 1st Baptist

Plans are under way for a vacation bible school for all children from age three through the sixth grade this summer. The school will convene from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. each Sunday starting July 14th and continuing through August 18th.

There will be games, crafts, and other activities. If you want your child to participate, call the church office at 786-7300 mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Pastor Richard Barnes will preach at the 9:30 a.m. morning worship service. Guest organist Martha Fletcher will assist the choir. Children's church will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Coffee and conversation will follow worship in Davis Hall. The Long-Range Planning Committee will convene in Lockhart Parlor.

There will be a car wash and bake sale after church sponsored by the Youth groups. Money raised will be used for youth conferences this summer at Oceanwood, Maine.

Also on our calendar this week:

Tuesday, July 2nd: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class.

Wednesday, July 3rd: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time (Hall Chapel); 7:00 p.m., Miniature Golf (meet at the Church; all ages are invited to participate).

Thursday, July 4th: Independence Day (office closed).

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Nocturnal Adoration To Meet

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint John's Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, July 5th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Fireworks Spectacular Slated For July 4th At Valley Community

Valley Community Church is once again inviting the surrounding communities to join them "high on a hilltop" as we watch the Fourth of July fireworks.

Not only do we get a spectacular view of the Springfield fireworks, but the Enfield fireworks as well.

We will also be selling hot dogs, hamburgs, and beverages this year. Let us prepare your supper as you sit and enjoy the beauty of God's creation throughout our valley.

And don't think if you come too early you will have nothing to do. Don Safford will be giving a repeat performance of a variety of music which is guaranteed to keep your toes tapping, your hands clapping, and your voice singing. He will also be able to hook up to the theme music for the fireworks, so the only thing you may be missing by not going to Springfield is the traffic jams.

And just a word of caution ... our hilltop (and our parking lot) was filled early last year. So grab your blankets or lawn chairs, and don't forget your mosquito repellent and plan to come early for an evening of entertainment and fellowship.

Watch and listen as the hilltop comes alive with singing, laughter, and ooh's and aaah's.

Valley Community Church is located high on a hill at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Ag. United Methodist Church Invites Public To Worship

You are cordially invited to join us on Sunday, June 30th, for worship at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam United Methodist Church. Here we try to make true and real the statement "God loves all persons!"

All are invited. All will be supported in the search for truth and forgiveness. All will be encouraged to become involved in the revolution that makes us "Children of God."

The issues that confront us today are many. Sometimes we are confused as we try to respond to them or solve the resultant problems which often are based on our understanding and practice of human relationships.

Even those of us who think we possess answers, err tremendously as we move either too far right or too far left in the offer of a solution.

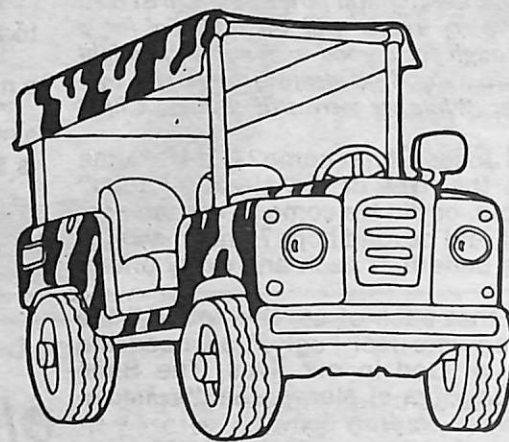
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"For Whom Did Jesus Christ Come?"

For whom did Jesus Christ come? That might seem to be a strange question. However, it is important that each of us answers this question. Moreover, we need to answer it correctly.

For whom did Jesus Christ come? Did He come into this world to help only "good" or "nice" people? Many people think that Jesus Christ came into this world to touch up the edges of the lives of people who were already doing well. That idea might sometimes be reinforced by what is observed in churches.

For the most part, it is the "good" people, the "nice" people, we see in church on Sunday mornings. For the most part, those who are downcast, either by society or by themselves, think they are not worthy to go to or be a part of a church.

Somehow, such people have gotten the notion that God either doesn't like them, or care about them. They think they are beyond hope, that they are helpless.

Jesus did not see things that way. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that *when Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."*

When Jesus saw people who were beyond hope, who were harassed and helpless, He saw people who needed Him. He saw people who were very much cared about, and loved, by their Heavenly Father.

The word which is translated "helpless" has a much broader meaning than not being able to help oneself or being weak. The word is used in other places in Scripture to describe throwing things away, with a sense of thrust or energy in the action.

The idea here would be that the people Jesus was seeing were people who had been discarded, or thrust away, from somebody or something. Those who have been divorced, or who have been laid off, or who have been generally rejected, have been discarded or thrust away from somebody or something.

For those who have been hurt in any of these ways, Jesus says that God has not discarded you also. In fact, the exact opposite is true.

Elsewhere in the Bible, we read, *"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

For whom did Jesus Christ come? Did He come only to improve the lives of the already "good" and "nice" people, or did He come to rescue people who feel lost and beyond hope? The answer is He came for the benefit of each and every one of us.

The reality is that each of us, the "good," the "bad," and those who feel "ugly," all need the love and grace of God in our lives. The Bible describes the Kingdom of Heaven as *"righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."*

Jesus' message to one and all is *"The Kingdom of Heaven is near."*

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, June 30th, is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, and the Summer Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Summer hours will continue through to Sunday, September 1st.

This Sunday, Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "One Nation Under God," Text Genesis 22: 1-14. The Children's Message is "Do You Like Peaches?"

The Summer Youth Church, "Kids For Character," continues following the "Children's Message." This program is a series devoted to instructing children in developing their character, values, and ethics.

The teacher for this week's series is Laura Paul, and the theme this week is "Responsibility." The series will be adapted to support these themes from a Biblical perspective.

This program will run through Sunday, August 25th.

The Vacation Bible Camp, "Images Of God," will be held July 29th through August 2nd from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Ages two through the sixth grade are welcome.

Please register early or by July 15th by calling the church office at 786-7111. Cost is \$5 per child (\$10 maximum per family).

There will be a Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m. on the last day of camp, August 2nd, at the church. Canned goods for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry will be collected at the Potluck Supper.

Events Calendar At Sacred Heart Church

BAPTISM — Please welcome into our parish family the newly baptized: **Brendan Morrison Fowler** and **Zachary Michael Goggin**. May the Lord bless them, their parents, and their families.

THANK YOU — Jim Griffin says "thank you" to all of his dear friends who answered his call for help to celebrate our 50th anniversary with a cookout: **Waniewski Farms, Chicopee Provisions, Scout Troop 75, Sacred Heart Athletic Association, O'Krongly Trucking, Impoco Poultry, Mont Marie, the rectory staff, BJ's Catering, the Town of Agawam, and Civil Defense Audio.**

DON'T FORGET — If you are new in the area, please come and register in the parish as soon as possible. Our hours for registering are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Also, if you will be moving out of the parish or have a new address within the parish, please notify the rectory.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR JULY —

* **July 7th:** Meeting/Outdoor Fun, Parish Center, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

* **July 9th:** Golfing at Sand Trap, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$10. (Meet at the Center.)

* **July 13th:** Car Wash, Parish Center, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

* **July 19th:** Picnic Lunch, Stanley Park, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (RSVP by July 18th.)

* **July 24th-27th:** Camping at Holy Cross from 3:00 p.m. Wednesday to 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$25. (RSVP by June 18th.)

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News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults begins at 9:00 a.m. Morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon at that time will be entitled "Martyrs Not Suckers."

Children are welcome to attend church with their parents, leaving at the designated time for a planned activity; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Mulberry Child Care will begin using the church beginning on July 1st from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They will continue to meet here until the end of August.

Vacation Bible School will be held at the church on Sunday, June 30th. There will be all sorts of activities planned for both young and not-so-young!

Lunch will be provided after the morning worship service. Classes, activities, and crafts will take place from 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m. Please use the sign-up sheets in Griswold Hall if you plan on enjoying the fun (or helping to provide it!).

If you have any questions, call Melinda, 789-1463, Kathy, (413) 548-2417, or speak to any member of the Board of Christian Education.

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, July 4th and 5th.

On the calendar this week:

Sunday, June 30th: 9:00 a.m., Adult Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship; Vacation Bible School.

Monday, July 1st: 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mulberry Child Care (through August 23rd).

Tuesday, July 2nd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Thursday, July 4th: Independence Day (office closed).

Friday, July 5th: Office closed.

Summer Bible Camp At St. John's Church

Saint John the Evangelist Parish on Main Street will host a Summer Bible Camp program at the Church during the week of July 8, 1996. This program is for children ages four through eight.

The program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day of the week. The children will be told Bible stories each day. After this, the teachers will lead the children in completing craft projects which will relate to the Bible story for the day.

Time will also be set aside for snacks, learning songs, and having some play time. A special Church Closing Ceremony will conclude the week's program on July 12th.

Families wishing to register for this fun-filled week are encouraged to stop into the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. The fee for the week's program is \$12 per child, with a maximum of \$30 for any one family.

Registrations will close on June 24, 1996.

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Spotlight On Business

Westfield Savings Bank Elects Several New Corporators

Donald A. Williams, President of Westfield Savings Bank, has reported that the Bank has elected several new corporators, including two from Agawam.

The new corporators elected from Agawam are Frances E. Mezzetti and Chester J. Nicora, Jr.

Ms. Mezzetti is the National Customer Service Manager with Avery-Dennison of Chicopee.

Mr. Nicora is the owner of Suburan Appraisal Service. He is also an Assessor for the City of Agawam and a 35-year member of the Agawam Call Fire Department.



FRANCES E. MEZZETTI, new Westfield Savings Bank corporator.



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Stearns & Yerrall To Conduct "New Construction Expo"

Stearns & Yerrall, Inc. Realtors will be sponsoring an "On-Site" New Construction Expo on Sunday, June 30, 1996.

Anyone thinking of building their dream home will want to attend this free seminar. Find out how to avoid the "10" mistakes you can make when building a new home that could cost you thousands, question area professionals on all areas of new construction, including land development, laying the foundation, building structure, electrical work, plumbing, landscaping, decorating, and financing, and meet site managers from 10 local New Construction subdivisions.

Featured speakers include David Tagliavini, David Hall, Pam Paluck, Steve Roberts, Attorney Francis Mirkin, and Westfield Savings Bank.

The New Construction Expo is scheduled for June 30, 1996 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Seating will be limited; call (413) 786-4408 for reservation and location information.

John R. Bourbonnais Is Named Senior Business Consultant

John R. Bourbonnais of Agawam has been named Senior Business Consultant in the Systems and Accounting department of the Investment Management (IM) division of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

He joined MassMutual in 1983.



PETER CYMER

Peter Cymer Joins Ayre Real Estate

Ayre Real Estate Company, Inc. proudly announces that Peter Cymer has joined the firm.

Peter has been a member of the Springfield Association of Realtors since January 1995. He has 10 years of experience in Real Estate Property Management.

Peter is a Springfield resident and the owner of a small accounting firm, Tax Plus Company. An AIC graduate, he was also a college professor of Economics for six years prior to entering Real Estate; now he's a full-time Realtor, Broker Associate, and enjoying it very much.

Please give Peter Cymer a call at 789-0812.

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JOBILEEN'S Offers Casual Family Dining And Good Food/Prices

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

"A Great Place for a Great Meal at a Great Price" is the slogan of **JOBILEEN'S**, one of the newer restaurants to shine on the Agawam scene, according to Bob Turner of Westhampton, the restaurant's general manager.

JOBILEEN'S is located at 79-D Springfield Street near Ames, Healthy Habits, and Waldbaum's Food Mart. It is the site of the former Kenny Rogers Restaurant. Plans for **JOBILEEN'S** were initiated in January and the restaurant opened to the public April 15th, with 25 employees and Mark Rivard in charge of the kitchen.

The restaurant occupies a corner in the mall affording convenient parking and it sports black-and-white striped and solid red awnings. The dark-tinted windows afford customers privacy and caused some people to wonder if the restaurant is open. It is open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week.

There are rows of small and large booths and booths line the outer walls, yet it is spacious. The restaurant logo is a smiling sun encircled by flames, and it is used on discs over the service counter (where customers may choose to eat), on the menu, and in advertising.

Music spanning recent years is featured on the juke box, and plants add to the atmosphere.

Believed to be the only restaurant in town where one can get breakfast from early morning to late at night, **JOBILEEN'S** also offers a full menu, from munchies through prime rib and dessert. There is also a daily special meal, kids' meals, and take-out.

The restaurant is owned by Stanley Paulauskas of Southampton, whose business interests include franchises for eight Burger Kings. He was a partner in the former Agawam Kenny Rogers, Turner said, but the partnership broke up last winter, leading to **JOBILEEN'S**. Paulauskas has been in the restaurant business for 25 years, and Turner has worked for him at various locations for 11 years.

"Munchies" On The Menu...

Munchies such as nachos, onion rings, potato skins, and fried veggies spice up the menu, and dinner on any day might include New York strip steak, ground sirloin, chicken parmegiana, deep-fried fish, fried clam strips, a baked scallop platter, baked scrod, and various pasta dishes.

There is a chowder and stew made fresh daily, and in the fall, Turner said, a fresh soup (made daily) will be added.

A "Make-You-Own Sundae Bar" features what Turner terms "a very good quality of soft ice cream." There are several toppings, including nuts. Desserts also include pies and cakes. Standbys seem to be key lime, apple pie, a deep chocolate cake/pie, and carrot cake.

Beverages include the usual soft drinks, fruit juices, and hot beverages. There is also non-alcoholic beer: Coors' Cutter, Buckler's, and O'Doul's.

Kids' meals feature children's favorites such as chocolate chip pancakes (served all day), scrambled eggs, peanut butter and jelly, and chicken tenderloins, as well as burgers, hot dogs, and cheese.

"We fry foods in a unique, healthy blend of corn and canola oil (Supreme Fry-On)," Turner said. "It is very low in saturated fats, and there is no cholesterol."

Turner's wife, Cindy, is account manager for the Stan Paulauskas enterprises, with offices in Southampton. The couple has two children, six year-old Bobby and four year-old Michele.

Turner graduated from Greenfield High School and attended Fitchburg State College, majoring in Computer Science. When he decided the computer field was not for him, he re-entered the restaurant business. He had worked for the Wendy's chain while in school and, after leaving college, joined their management program.

The name **JOBILEEN'S** is a derivation of Paulauskas family names, "Joe, Bill, and Eileen," according to Turner. He said Stan's part is the "s" at the end.

The restaurant offers a 12-ounce sirloin steak for \$9.99, Turner points out proudly. "It is tender and delicious. As good as any offered in the area," he said.

Customers were invited to submit their names for a drawing of a second juke box displayed in the restaurant. It was scheduled to be raffled this week and announced on WHYN's morning radio show.

"Agawam is a nice town. I have made friends already among employees and customers and wish I had more time to circulate in town," Turner said.

He considers the restaurant a success and said a long-range goal is to establish similar restaurants in Western Massachusetts.



"A GREAT PLACE FOR A GREAT MEAL AT A GREAT PRICE" is the slogan of **JOBILEEN'S**, now open at 79-D Springfield Street, located between Food Mart and Ames Department Store. **JOBILEEN'S** opened on April 15th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JOBILEEN'S MANAGER BOB TURNER and some of the members of his morning crew, from left - Lynda Sassen, Mary Morin, and Sandy Davidson. **JOBILEEN'S** introduced its new menu featuring breakfast served all day along with many family friendly dinners. There is a nice kids' meal selection on the menu as well. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





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With Blueberries, Apples, Bananas, or Chocolate Chips	\$2.99
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The Chicken Jobileen — A large breaded chicken breast on our special roll with your choice of toppings, and cheese, if you please	\$3.69
The Top Dogs — Two hot dogs served with your choice of toppings on toasted rolls	\$2.99
Under The Sea — Deep-fried and delicious fish, served on our roll and dressed with tartar sauce and lettuce	\$3.49
Overstuffed Deli Sandwiches — Mounds of meat on our special roll; tell us how you'd like us to dress it! Choose from roast beef, turkey, pastrami, ham, or cold cuts	\$3.99
Club Select — Start with turkey, tuna, or ham, on your favorite bread and top it with bacon, mayo, lettuce, and tomato	\$4.29
Swiss Patty Melt — Our char-broiled burger, swiss cheese, and sauteed onions on toasted rye bread	\$3.99
Tuna Melt — Your choice of cheese and bread	\$3.29
Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich — Barbecue or topped as you please!	\$3.99
Clam Roll — Tender clam strips, deep-fried to a golden brown, served on a toasted roll	\$3.99
Chili Dog — Hot dog served with raw onions & chili on a toasted roll	\$2.29
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Fried Chicken Basket — Three pieces of delicious honey stung chicken	\$3.99

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Garden Salad	\$1.99
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Fried Clam Strips — Freshly prepared and deep-fried to perfection	\$6.99
Baked Scallop Platter — Breaded, then oven-baked with a touch of butter	\$7.99
Baked Scrod — Lightly breaded and baked to perfection	\$7.99
Pasta, Pasta — Ask your server for tonight's selections	\$6.99
Chowder or Stew Bowl — Thick and creamy New England style clam chowder or hearty beef stew served in a fresh-baked bread bowl	\$5.99

DESSERT

Sundae — Make your own at the SUPER SUNDAE BAR (available after 11 a.m.)	\$1.99
Jobileen's Surprise — Ask your server about today's delicious selections	\$1.99
New York Cheesecake — Topped with strawberries, pineapple, or plain	\$2.29

BEVERAGES

Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, 7-Up, Mountain Dew, Orange (free refills)	\$.99
Arizona Specialty Sodas and Iced Teas	\$1.49
Orange Juice, Grapefruit Juice, or V-8	\$.99
Hot Chocolate with whipped topping	\$.99
Regular or Chocolate Milk	\$.89
Fresh-ground Regular Coffee or Decaf (bottomless cup)	\$.79
Regular or Flavored Hot Tea (bottomless cup)	\$.79
Non-alcoholic Beer (Coor's Cutter, Buckler's, & O'Doul's)	\$1.79

FOR THE KIDS

Served 11 a.m. 'til 10 p.m.

(under 12 years, please)

Served with choice of milk, juice, or soda

Grilled Cheese and Chips	\$1.99
Chicken Tenderloins & Fries	\$2.49
Burger and Fries	\$2.19
Hot Dog and Fries	\$1.99
Kid's Pizza with sauce and cheese	\$2.29
Peanut Butter and Jelly with Chips	\$1.29
Chocolate Chip Pancakes (served all day)	\$1.99
Scrambled Egg, Homefries, and Toast (served all day)	\$1.99
Kid's Sundae Bar (available after 11 a.m.)	\$.99

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*Spotlight On Business - continued...***Chamber Holds Spring Breakfast At St. Anne's CC**

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE Agawam Chamber of Commerce is Denise Vogel. Ms. Vogel is pictured with outgoing President Dr. Paul McKenna. The Agawam Chamber held its Spring Breakfast at St. Anne's Country Club earlier this month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



R. PETER LANDON, senior vice-president of BayBank, was the keynote speaker at the Spring Breakfast of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce earlier this month. He is being greeted by Dr. Tami Nelson (left), program chairwoman, and Denise Vogel, new chamber president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE held its Spring Breakfast at St. Anne's Country Club earlier this month. Among those attending included, from left - Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Dr. Tami Nelson (program chairwoman), Denise Vogel (chamber president), and State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce pictured at the Spring Breakfast at St. Anne's Country Club held earlier this month. Back row - Kevin McElhinney, Al Taupier, Mike Fiorini, Rita Ducharme, Donald Anderson, Richard Bellico, Alston Canary, and Mark Haymes. Seated - Jean Falk (chamber staff), Denise Vogel (chamber president), Linda Northrup-Vitro, and Dr. Tami Nelson (program chairwoman).

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For Your Health

Living Well...

Exercising Outdoors & Summer Safety (Part 2)

by Barb Vinciguerra, MA
Assistant General Manager
Fitness First Health and Fitness Center

In my article last week, I discussed cycling safety tips. This week, I would like to share with you some suggestions to help prevent swimming and running injuries this summer.

Did you know that two-thirds of all pedestrian deaths and injuries occur when people are crossing or entering streets? Here are some guidelines for pedestrian safety:

- Run or walk against traffic.
- Cross only at intersections or marked crosswalks; obey traffic signals.
- Wear bright, easy-to-see clothing; wear fluorescent or reflective materials.
- Stay off high-speed roads.
- Be cautious wearing headphones, as you may not hear a car or dog or cyclist approaching.
- If you are running or walking at night, carry a flashlight and make sure that you wear reflective vests, or headbands or wristbands.
- Leave word of where you plan to run (and when you will return) with family and friends.
- Run on grass or dirt when possible. These surfaces are firm and supportive, yet softer than most surfaces. (Beware of holes or uneven surfaces.)
- If you run on paved roads, choose asphalt rather than concrete if possible.
- Make sure that you wear a good pair of running shoes or walking shoes (if you are walking).
- Avoid running on a small track, as the continuous turns may increase the chance of injury to the feet, ankles, and knees.

Swimming is also a popular summertime activity. Here are some water safety tips to ensure that you have a safe, enjoyable time at the lake, in your pool, or at the ocean:

- Never swim alone.
 - Use good judgment when you choose a place to swim.
 - Do not dive where obstructions might be or you don't know the water depth.
 - Do not overestimate your ability; even the best of swimmers can experience danger in the water.
 - Make sure that you apply a waterproof sunscreen before swimming.
 - Never play rough in or near the water.
 - Get out of the water if lightning is threatening.
- No matter what activities you choose to participate in this summer, make sure that you take precautions against the effects of the sun:
- Drink adequate fluid.
 - Recognize dangerous environmental conditions; high humidity, high temperature, or both.
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Managing YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.



The Stress Test!

Dear Dr. Sobel: I greatly enjoy your helpful columns and advice. My question relates to a television appearance I saw you on.

You gave four questions that can help determine if an adult is under an unhealthy amount of stress. Can you list those four questions and any other advice you have? I feel that I am totally stressed out! Thanks. **M.N., Feeding Hills.**

Answer/comments: Stress is very "individualized." By that I mean that not everyone shows the same stress symptoms.

What these four questions that I use quite often will tell you is if you might want to seek assistance in discovering new or more effective stress management techniques. Also keep in mind that it is not so much the things you face that create the most stress, but the things you do not face or attempt to deal with effectively and in a timely manner.

Stress is a part of living, so it is not so much that stress is something you learn to "cure," but rather learn to cope with through a variety of techniques that work for YOU!

Dr. Sobel's Four Questions: Please answer "very much so," "occasionally" (two or three times per week), "hardly ever," or "never."

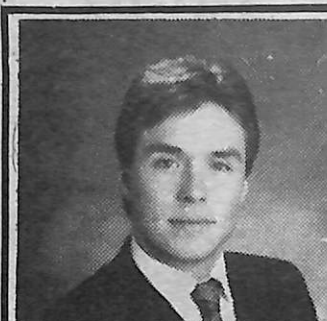
- 1) Do you fall asleep within 20 minutes of lying down to go to sleep?
- 2) Have the "little irritations" of daily living/life upset you often during the past month?
- 3) Do you isolate yourself from friends and family on purpose?
- 4) Have you lost your ability to be patient (in traffic, on bank and supermarket lines, etc.)?

Please use this as a starting point to try and decrease your stress levels. It may be very

understandable that there are events/circumstances in your life that are major stressors that you go through.

Therefore, you may be experiencing levels of stress you are not used to. But, you may also just have a hard time coping with the little things, what seem to many like minor disappointments, you perceive as "major" stressors.

If this is the case, you probably want to explore better coping options.



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer
Schlaffer
Chiropractic Offices
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You're Never Too Young To See A Chiropractor!

Question: My 10 year-old son is very active in baseball. Recently, he collided with another player that sent him to the ground, landing on his back and neck. X-rays were taken at a local facility but showed nothing.

He continues to complain of neck pain and headaches. Aspirin only gives temporary relief. I was considering chiropractic. Is he too young to be seen by a chiropractor?

Answer: No. A child's growing spine is very susceptible to the bumps and falls he/she experiences during sports. It is in the active and developmental years of childhood that serious structural problems of the spine have their beginnings.

We see subluxations, fixations, spinal curvatures, and other structural distortions beginning from the falls and accidents that most children experience. Before the skeletal/spinal system accommodates itself to these maladies, they can be easily and effectively corrected.

The developmental years are filled with sports and other forms of physical activity which often produce misalignment of the spinal column. The result is an impaired nerve system and poor health.

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For Your Health - continued...



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

The Top 12 Pesticide-Contaminated Foods

Researchers have linked pesticides to cancer, nerve damage, and chronic health problems. However, nearly 100 percent of the risk from pesticides comes from just 12 pesticides, according to the consumer group The Center for Science in the Public Interest.

The risk of pesticide could get worse. In 1958, the Delaney Clause was passed requiring that additives causing cancer in animals or humans be eliminated from food processing. A 1987 court settlement extended this law to include pesticides as well.

However, food processors are urging Congress to repeal this legislation. Food processors feel that sometimes a pesticide risk is insignificant. Pesticides may even help protect the consumer from cancer.

For example, when a corn crop gets stressed, an insect called a corn borer can get into the ear of corn. It can carry the spores that produce a powerful, natural cancer-causing mold called aflatoxin.

People opposed to repealing the bill say we will be deliberately poisoning our food without the Delaney Clause remaining as it exists today.

The Environmental Working Group released a list of the 12 most pesticide-contaminated fruits and vegetables.

Beginning with the most harmful, the lists reads as follows: **strawberries, bell peppers, spinach, cherries, peaches, cantaloupe from Mexico, celery, apples, apricots, green beans, grapes from Chile, and cucumbers.**

To safely eat these delicious pieces of produce, you may buy them from organic farms or at least buy from farms that use Integrated Pest Management (IPM). IPM could be called "bug eat bug" farming. The farmers use good bugs to eat the bad bugs, so fewer pesticides are needed to protect the crop.

Before you eat any produce, wash it well. In this season of "pick your own produce," be sure you and your children avoid taste-testing before the fruits and vegetables are washed. You can scrub it with a solution of one pint water mixed with a few drops of perfume-free, dye-free dish soap. Also, look for special soaps made specifically for washing produce in your market.

Small fruit and berries are hard to wash. I place them into a bowl of the cleaning mix and swish them around with my hand like a washing machine. Then, rinse them well. You'll find the fruit will look better and taste better.

New Mothers' Support Group Offered

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke offers a New Mother's Support Group for moms with babies up to six months old. The group will meet on July 3rd and 17th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in room 5, third floor/west wing of the hospital.

Judy Hatch, R.N., I.B.L.C., facilitates the meetings, which provide information on topics including newborn care, infant feeding, parenting, and postpartum concerns. Mothers are encouraged to bring their babies.

Advance registration is required. For more information, call (413) 539-2950.

Breast Cancer Support Group To Meet

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, will meet July 2nd and 16th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed as having breast cancer. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.



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by
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Chiropractic Care After A Motor Vehicle Accident

I was talking to my sister the other day and she stated that her daughter, my niece, was in a fender-bender car collision. She then stated that no one was hurt, although damage to the vehicle was estimated over \$2,400. That's a significant impact to create that much vehicle damage.

If the car suffered that much, how does she know that her daughter was not injured? Often because we don't see visibly the damage to the body (like a bent fender), we don't think there is a problem.

My niece came into the office and we did an examination and x-rays. She suffered a significant whiplash injury. She thought the stiff neck and achy midback would just go away after a day or so. Wrong!

A motor vehicle collision, even a low-velocity collision, can create a significant amount of internal damage to the muscles, ligaments, and joints. This can cause neck pain, headaches, arm numbness and tingling, midback and low back pain, and many other symptoms.

It is important for the area to heal correctly after an injury in order to prevent scar tissue and adhesions from forming.

How many times have you heard someone say, "I haven't been able to move my neck as far since that accident," or "It's always given me pain in that region since that accident"? This is because the region hasn't healed correctly.

As a chiropractor, I treat the area to restore proper motion, reduce muscle spasm, and prevent adhesions from forming. This is done with chiropractic manipulative therapy, soft-tissue mobilization, and supportive physical modalities.

If you have been in a motor vehicle accident, please don't assume you are fine — get checked out by a doctor of chiropractic. My sister and niece are glad they did.

Dr. Tami Nelson maintains a practice at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

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Locally, Fitness First in Feeding Hills has seen a rise in inquiries concerning discounted memberships.

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Employees and plan members must show an identification card to receive the discount. Fitness First will also honor the customized coupon (provided by Aetna) for an introductory, one-week membership. One-week coupons are valid for the policy holder and his/her immediate family.

Any current member of an IHRSA club who is an Aetna Health Plan insured will be able to discuss the lower corporate rate available and qualify for it upon renewal of their annual membership.

Diabetic Programs Offered At Mercy Hospital In Springfield

A series of diabetic education programs will be offered in July by the Patient Education Department at Mercy Hospital.

The free hour-long programs will be conducted on four consecutive days, beginning on July 8th at 2:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

Topics include "Introduction to Diabetes," "Diet and Diabetes," "Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes," and "Complications Related to Diabetes."

Registration is required. For more information, call the Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

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Overall, diabetes weakens the body's normal defenses against bacteria. Gums become vulnerable to disease from bacteria that exist in the mouth. When a diabetic person's gums are infected, it is more difficult than usual to halt and overcome the process.

Once diabetes is diagnosed, one must adopt new routines to cope with its effects and risks. It is imperative to brush and floss the teeth faithfully to control plaque, whose bacteria might attack the gums. Periodic dental checkups take on greater importance for early detection of gum problems. If you are told that you have diabetes, consult the dentist to learn how to reduce the risks to your gums.

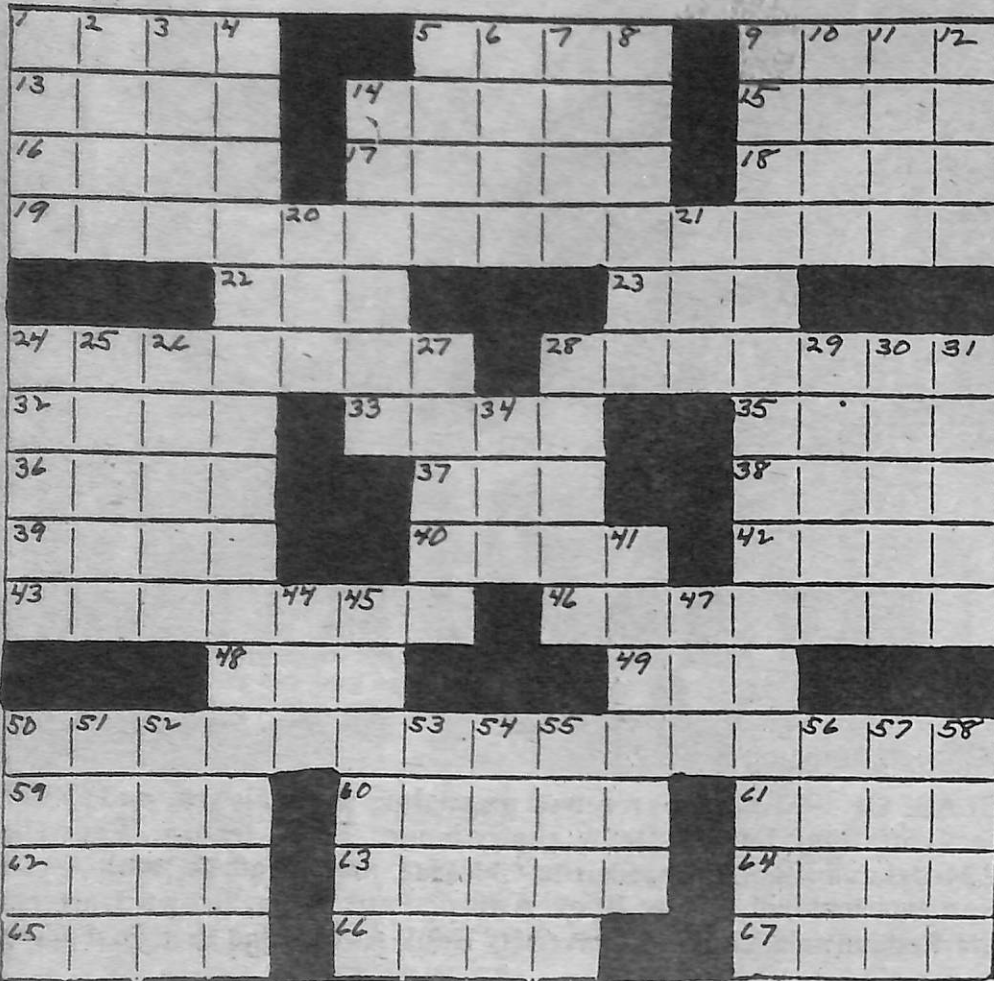
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- 13 Assist in crime
- 14 Modeler's wood
- 15 See 10 D
- 16 Lion's pad
- 17 Pearl Buck heroine et al
- 18 Puzzle constructor's cop-out word
- 19 True sportsman's comment
- 22 Bring to the altar
- 23 Make a boo-boo
- 24 Favorite at a child's party
- 28 Like veal cutlets
- 32 Teutonic sign
- 33 Farm building
- 35 Boy (Spanish)
- 36 Lulu
- 37 Japanese dive bomber of WWII
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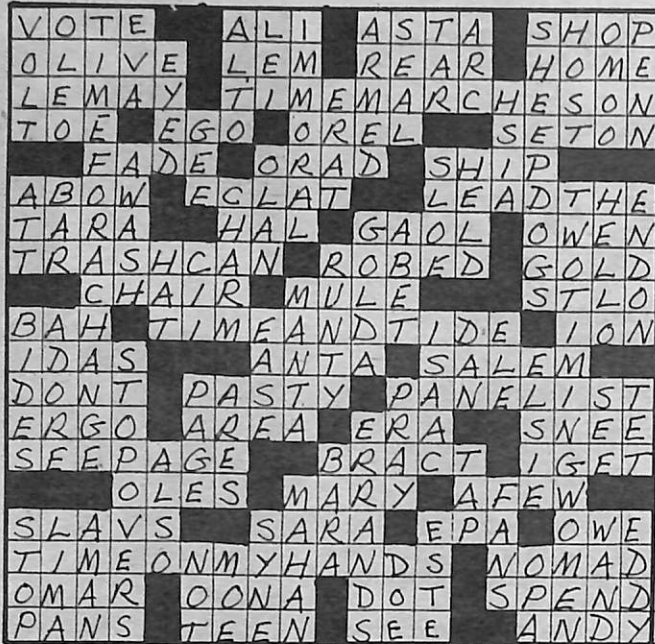
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- 65 Grit another way
- 66 Rotate
- 67 Dueling blade

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- 1 Colombian city
- 2 "Blind as —"
- 3 Neckwear in Hilo
- 4 Who Casey waltzed with
- 5 Fiji island
- 6 Arkin
- 7 Popular contraction
- 8 One of Santa's sled pullers
- 9 Words for the Statue of Liberty
- 10 World War I spy (with 15 A)

- 11 Khachaturian
- 12 River of Egypt
- 14 "— brass"
- 20 Middle East country
- 21 Poetical before
- 24 Bride's counterpart
- 25 "— tab" (charges)
- 26 "That's — miss"
- 27 Donated
- 28 Moro weapons
- 29 Vacuum tube
- 30 Go in
- 31 Result-oriented ones
- 34 "Fond du —"
- 41 Rented
- 44 "Exodus" hero
- 45 Musical pieces for nine
- 47 Anecdote collection
- 50 Head covers in Dundee
- 51 Region
- 52 Banking deal
- 53 Snare
- 54 Indian cliff dwellers
- 55 Glorious garden
- 56 Type of kick
- 57 Thing to drop (with a)
- 58 "Or —"

Last Week's Solution...



Please remember our deadline is Monday at noon for next week's paper.

Be The Star At Program At Ag. Library

The Agawam Library invites kids of all ages to share the fun of a "You Are The Star" program on Wednesday, July 3rd, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

We'll have a batch of joke, riddle, and tongue-twister books ready for everyone to look over. Then, we'll turn on the mike and you can take turns trying to make the audience laugh.

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Education

AHS '97 Members Recipients Of Academic Awards

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Five top scholars in the Agawam High School junior class were recently honored for their achievements in academic excellence as the latest recipients of the college Prize Book Program.

At a reception for the students and their parents held in the school library, book prizes were awarded through the generosity of the alumni of six colleges and universities.

The awards are made by the academic coordinators in math, science, and English, working in consultation with each other and with the members of their departments.

According to Math Department Chairwoman Lorraine Alves, there was no debate whatsoever over the selection of this year's winner of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal and Scholarship.

"Keith Jendza has been outstanding in math and science since his freshman year," Mrs. Alves said. "We could see he has a terrific future in math and science."

Science Department Chairman Robert Sartwell said he felt deprived not to have had Keith as a student at the Junior High School. Assisting with the awards presentation, Sartwell noted, "I'm honored to be here today with these scholars and their parents."

Rosemary Stratton, who chairs the English Department, announced the book prize winners: Rita Reshamwala Harvard University; Sharon Chicklas, Smith College; Patricia Olson, Brown University (donated by AHS Guidance Counselor Thomas Dacey); Keith Jendza, Dartmouth College; and Christopher Bitzas, American International College.

Mrs. Stratton said, "The hallmarks of these students are their wit and intellect. It is a pleasure to read their works. These outstanding students excel in English and they excel in all other areas of study."

Principal Joseph Zabielski urged the students to focus on the culture of knowledge and intellect and to maintain rigorous intellectual standards.

Zabielski reminded the cream of next year's crop of AHS graduates that Plato thought only the best of society, those with great intellect and education, should be the rulers of society.

The college book prizes are awarded to students in the next graduating class who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and high character as well as achievements in other areas.



AGAWAM HIGH CLASS OF 1997 members received prestigious academic year-end awards. From left - Rosemary Stratton, English Dept. chairwoman; Keith Jendza, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal and Scholarship; Sharon Chicklas, Smith College Book Award; Chris Bitzas, American International College Book Award; Patti Olson, Brown University Book Award; and Rita Reshamwala, Harvard University Book Award; and Principal Joseph Zabielski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Summer Reading Program Opening For Kids At Agawam Library

Kids of all ages are signing up for the Summer Reading Program at the Agawam library. Friends or family members can read picture books from the library to preschoolers, and keep track of the time spent in reading "logs."

Everyone of reading age can track their individual reading time, as well. Participants will receive lottery tickets for every hour of reading they accumulate, and a prize trinket for each weekly visit to the library during the summer months. There are no specific reading lists for the program, and kids can read any Agawam library book or magazine suited to their individual reading levels.

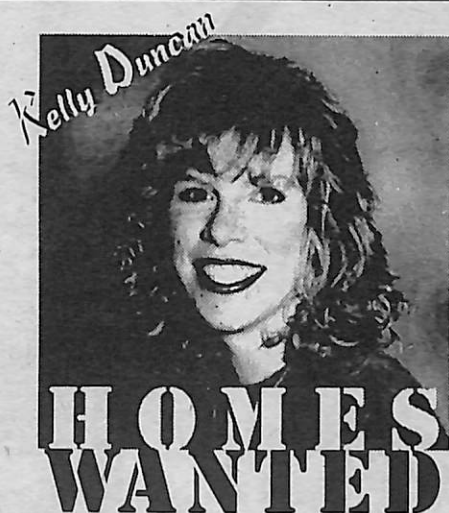
Lottery prizes have been donated by the Milton Bradley Company and by local businesses. Other

incentives for all participants include coupons for reduced admission to a variety of cultural, educational, and recreational attractions such as the Basketball Hall of Fame and the Zoo in Forest Park.

Entertainment planned for participants and their families include musical concerts, a Riverside race car and driver exhibit, a magic show, and a morning of free skating at the Rollaway.

This year's theme, "Catch the Summer Spark! Read!", is a collective project among libraries in the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System. Everyone is invited to come to the library anytime during open hours to register and to get a Summer Reading Club membership card.

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Annual Spelling Bee At Phelps School Another Success

Benjamin Phelps School held their annual Spelling Bee Contest on May 30th for grades two, three, and four.

Under the direction of the Intensive Reading Teacher, Catherine Gaudreau, the contest's aim is to recognize students who excel in spelling in respective grade levels.

Mrs. Gaudreau explains that each classroom conducted its own spelling bee contest and winners served as finalists in the championship competition. There were 12 winners from each grade level that competed before their fellow classmates in the school auditorium.

Besides receiving finalist certificates, students finishing in first and second place were awarded trophies.

Spelling bee champions for grade two were **Heather Moffatt** and **Julie Warchol**. Achieving top honors in grade three were **Jaclyn O'Neill** and **Julie Wills**. Of the 12 fourth graders who participated in the contest, **Meghan Ennis** was awarded first place and **Patrick Desmond** was awarded second place.

Mrs. Gaudreau extends her congratulations to all the finalists and her gratitude to second grade announcer Barbara Cecchi; third grade announcer, Susan Dukeshire; and fourth grade announcer, Ann McLean.

GRADE TWO WINNERS

1. Julie Warchol; 2. Katelyn Yelinek; 3. Jacqueline Van Etten; 4. Steven Powers; 5. Laura Provost; 6. Matthew Zordani; 7. Heather Moffatt; 8. Aaron Hibbert; 9. Jonathan O'Brien; 10. Kyo Fujioka; 11. Denise Sekula; 12. Tiara Ghedi.

GRADE THREE WINNERS

1. Sarah Rollins; 2. Stephen Wojcik; 3. Timothy Sherry; 4. Joseph Koehler; 5. Toni Harnois; 6. Thomas Ramah; 7. Julie Wills; 8. Kaclyn O'Neill; 9. Leah Cook; 10. Anthony Sotolotto; 11. Heather Mallory; 12. Samantha Peetros.

GRADE FOUR WINNERS

1. Brendan Lewis; 2. Kristin Murphy; 3. Patrick Desmond; 4. Lindsay Petrucci; 5. Elizabeth Mudo; 6. Nicholas Gumlaw; 7. Katie O'Connell; 8. Meghan Ennis; 9. Felicia Tran; 10. Sam Young; 11. Amy Majewski; 12. Adam Hajdamowicz.



PHELPS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Robert Farrell and Intensive Reading Specialist Catherine Gaudreau are pictured with winners of the school's Annual Spelling Bee. From left - Heather Moffatt (1st place) and Julie Warchol (2nd place), Grade 2; Jaclyn O'Neill (1st place) and Julie Wills (2nd place), Grade 3; and Meghan Ennis (1st place) and Patrick Desmond (2nd place), Grade 4. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Summertime Children's Programs Being Offered At Agawam Resource Center

The Agawam Resource Center will be in operation on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon during the summer.

The Center will also be offering programs for Agawam residents and their children during the summer months. Scheduled programs are:

- * July 3rd: Story hour (Judith Viorst stories).
- * July 10th: Making giant floor puzzles.
- * July 17th: Story hour about families.
- * July 24th: "Trip to the Stars" activities.
- * July 31st: Story hour (Eric Carle stories).

* August 7th: Book making.

* August 14th: Story hour about different cultures.

* August 21st: Video (title TBA).

* August 28th: Story hour (fairy tales new and old).

Programs will be held at the Resource Center, 733 Main Street, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Please call 789-1784 during open hours if you plan to attend any of our programs.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A Design Public Hearing will be held by the Massachusetts Highway Department to discuss the proposed rehabilitation of the Route 57 Bridge, No. A-5-17 over Route 159 in Agawam, MA.

WHERE: Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001

WHEN: Wednesday, July 10, 1996 at 7:00 P.M.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed bridge rehabilitation project. All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of rehabilitating the existing Route 57 bridge, over Route 159, in its present location with minor improvements to the approach roadways. A secure Right of Way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements or rights of entry may be required. The MassHighway Department is responsible for acquiring all necessary rights in private and public lands. The Department's policy regarding land acquisitions will be discussed at the hearing.

Written views received by the Department subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. The final date of receipt of these statements and exhibits will be ten (10) days after this Public Hearing.

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MAUREEN BRIERE

Maureen Briere Completes Freshman Year At Sacred Heart

Maureen Briere of Feeding Hills has completed her freshman year at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut, as a Dean's List student during both the fall and spring semesters.

Maureen, a psychology and early childhood education major, finished the year with a cumulative GPA of 3.52.

She is the daughter of Alice M. Briere of Agawam and Paul and Linda Briere of Feeding Hills.

William Rivers Receives Awards At Suffield Academy

William Rivers, son of William and Maryellen Rivers of Feeding Hills, was among the students who were honored with awards at Suffield Academy's 163rd Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 24th.

Rivers earned the following awards at the Academy:

C.W. Austin Language Prize — for distinction in the study of Spanish.

Class of 1874 Mathematics Prize — given to the outstanding mathematicians in the graduating class.

Ralph F. Hansen Economics Prize — honors the best economics student.

Cum Laude Society — the secondary school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, given to those students who have demonstrated their devotion to scholarship and attained the highest achievement in the most demanding courses.

Andrew Clark Earns Dean's List Standing At Assumption College

Andrew Clark, son of James and Susan Clark of 72 Witheridge Street, Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Assumption College in Worcester, MA, for the spring 1996 semester. This announcement was recently made by Dr. Paul R. Douillard, Dean of the Undergraduate College at Assumption College.

Andrew is an English major and is a member of the class of 1998.

Local Students Attain Spring 1996 Dean's List Standing At AIC

American International College has named 324 students to the Dean's List for the spring 1996 semester. Students who qualified for the Dean's List are full-time undergraduate students with a grade point average of at least 3.3 out of 4.0 points.

* From Agawam:

Jennifer R. Jorgensen (sophomore - nursing), daughter of Susan and Andrew Jorgensen; **Michael P. Larouche** (senior - general business); **Sandra A. Levesque** (senior - human services); and **Susan A. Lovely** (senior - special education).

* From Feeding Hills:

Brooke F. Hollister (sophomore - nursing), daughter of Earle and Mary Ann Hollister; **Jennifer A. Lomelino** (senior - criminal justice), daughter of Marie and Raymond Nardi; and **David Lyne, Jr.** (senior - marketing).

AIC is a private, coeducational college founded in 1885. The College offers more than 35 undergraduate programs in the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Psychology and Education and the Division of Nursing.

Lauren Seymour Attains Dean's List At Assumption College

Dr. Paul R. Douillard, Dean of the Undergraduate College at Assumption College in Worcester, MA, has announced that Lauren Seymour has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 1996 semester.

The daughter of Nancy and Paul Seymour of 81 North Street, Agawam, Lauren is a Pre-Med student and is a member of the class of 1999.

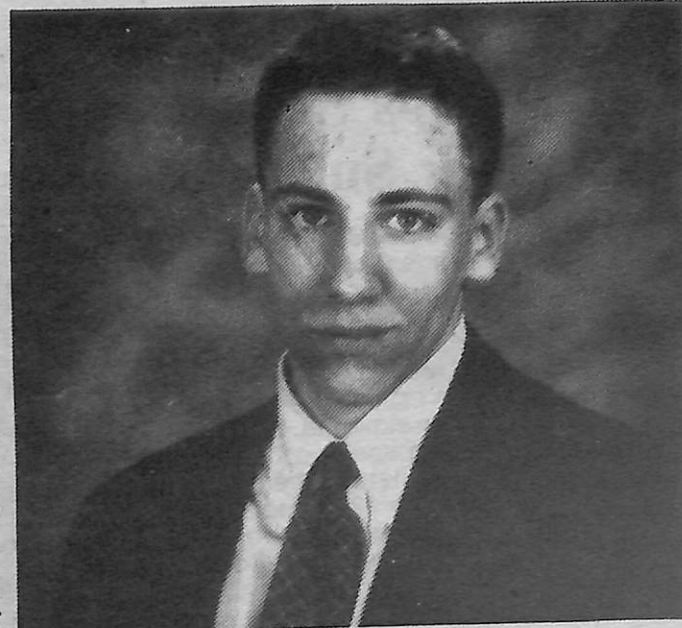
Lauren is a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School and will be a certified aerobics instructor this fall at Assumption College. She is spending her summer as a Chemistry Lab Tech at Baystate Medical Center.

Local Students Attain Dean's List Standing At Bucknell University

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 1995-96 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Local students who met this standard are:

Eric P. Mastrolanni, 42 Edgewood Lane, Agawam, son of Albert and Barbara Mastrolanni; and **Michelle L. Dutton**, 163 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, daughter of Larry and Mary Dutton.



GARRICK J. ORSATTI

Garrick J. Orsatti Enters Rochester Institute Of Tech.

Garrick J. Orsatti, son of James and Carol Orsatti, Jr. of 18 Poinsetta Street, Agawam, has enrolled for fall 1996 admission at Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology. He will major in biology at RIT's College of Science.

Orsatti, who has varsity letters in water polo and wrestling and is a member of the Varsity Scholars Team, is a May graduate of Suffield Academy.

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Local Students Named To Dean's List At University Of Hartford

The following area students were named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 1995-96 academic year at the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut.

* From Agawam:

Kimmel Naciewicz (College of Education, Nursing, and Health Professions).

* From Feeding Hills:

Patrick Arnold (Ward College of Technology) and **Samantha Davidson** (Hartford Art School).

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Agawam And Feeding Hills Students Honored At MacDuffie School

At graduation ceremonies at the MacDuffie School in Springfield held during the weekend of June 1st-2nd, several Agawam and Feeding Hills students received recognition for extracurricular achievements.

Among the local graduating seniors were Kerri Demers, Michael Fusick, and Michelle Jacobs.

Kerri, who lives in Feeding Hills, received an award for citizenship and concern for others and was named to the Honor Roll. She plans to attend Northeastern University in the fall.

Michael, also a resident of Feeding Hills, plans to attend the University of Hartford in the fall. Michelle, who lives in Agawam, received the Gainer's badge for academic progress. She plans to attend American International College.

At an Academic Convocation preceding graduation, junior Aaron Baskin of Agawam received the Holy Cross Book Award for scholarship and citizenship in the school community. Also recognized were seventh graders Melody Serafino and Stephanie Boyette. Both were named to the High Honor Roll for the year.

In addition, Melody was also honored for her performance on national SAT's, which a select group of seventh graders took last winter. Melody lives in Agawam, and Stephanie lives in Feeding Hills.

Jeffrey Hebert Earns Bachelor's Degree From Bentley College

Jeffrey Hebert of Agawam was among the 926 students who were awarded undergraduate degrees during Bentley College's recently held commencement ceremony.

Hebert received a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing.

Bentley College, located in Waltham, MA, is New England's largest institution of higher learning specializing in professional business education.

Agawam Residents Graduate From HCC

Holyoke Community College held its 49th annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 1st, at 11:00 a.m. on the campus lawn.

HCC alumnus Michael Kittredge, founder and president of the Yankee Candle Company, delivered the keynote address. HCC President David M. Bartley also addressed the graduates.

Agawam residents Tracey A. Blair, Carol A. Bramlett, Lisa Clarkson, Nicole T. Desmarais, Marina Disanti, Janice Elsebae, Michael M. Hanscom, Maria Hardy, Kimberly L. Jalbert, Jeanne Kelleher, Jennifer P. McNamee, Denise A. Spanilo, and Darlene P. Wozny were members of the class of 1996 at Holyoke Community College. These students graduated with associate degrees or certificates in their fields of study.

Agawam Democrats Present Scholarships



THE AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE presented scholarships to 1996 graduates Andrew Markowski and Jennifer Clarke. Making the presentations were town Democrats Mary Manning (chairwoman), David Modzeleski and Thomas Leahy. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

Jason A. Malek Receives Bachelor's Degree From WNEC

Jason A. Malek of Feeding Hills was among the 872 graduate and undergraduate students who were awarded degrees from Western New England College at the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 18, 1996 at the Springfield Civic Center. He is the son of Frank and Marie Malek of Feeding Hills.

Malek received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree from Dr. Beverly W. Miller, president of Western New England College.

Malek was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Western New England College is a private, coeducational institution located on a 131-acre suburban campus in Springfield, MA, with an additional 16 sites throughout the Commonwealth.

The College serves full-time and part-time students with undergraduate programs in its Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Engineering, and graduate programs in its Schools of Business, Engineering, and Law.

Local Students Receive Awards, Scholarships At HCC Ceremony

Residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills were among the more than 200 outstanding Holyoke Community College students who were presented with awards and scholarships at the college's annual Awards Presentation held on Friday, May 24th.

Presiding over the event were HCC President David M. Bartley and Vice President for Academic Affairs Toby Tamarkin.

* From Agawam:

Diana L. DiDonato, Publication Award for Phoenix Press newspaper and Publication Award for Tarah literary journal; Anthony L. Maloni, Men's Soccer Award; John D. Snow, HCC Players Medal; and Charlene Trombley, Alumni Scholarship for Disabled Students.

* From Feeding Hills:

Herman B. Hochreich, the David James Taylor Award for Excellence in Philosophy; and Jennifer Pioggia, Storowton Tavern Memorial Award for Excellence in Hospitality.

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AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Acting Director
AHS Guidance Dept.

An Overview Of The Eighth Grade Orientation Night

A parent and child orientation for incoming eighth graders was held on a recent Thursday night. The administrators and coordinators shared information, tours were given of the high school, and questions and answers were fielded.

A highlight of the evening was a videotape that had been created and produced by the graduating seniors. What a wonderful video! Obvious pride in the high school shone through. Teachers, students, counselors, and other members of the high school community were interviewed and deftly shared their views. (Of course, after seeing myself on the screen, any ideas that I had of becoming a television personality were immediately dashed.)

It was so heartening to see so many interested parents and children attending the evening. The message was rightfully presented that we have a wonderful school, filled with caring, skillful, and creative teachers and administrators. Sheets were distributed that indicated the colleges where our graduates were accepted.

Those students who are ready to learn and willing to do so are afforded a fine education. It is our fervent wish that parents, teachers, and students will continue to work together, aiding each other in order to make the high school even better.

Next year, the Guidance Department will see some changes. In order to give our students the best possible attention, we have decided to have each counselor be in charge of one grade and follow those students throughout their four years.

The assignments are as follows: ninth grade - Ann Marie Gould; 10th grade - Tom Dacey; 11th grade - Alan Cohen; and 12th grade - Jane Williams. I shall help Tom Dacey with the 10th graders, since Tom will be here only three days a week. Moreover, I shall be assisting Jane Williams with some of the seniors, since senior year is particularly hectic, especially during application time.

We're really excited about this change. It will enable us to reach an entire class of students, to get the pulse beat of the class, and to plan activities that will be most beneficial to the members of each class.

Guidance will be developmental in scope. Each grade will have its own curriculum.

The ninth grade will be involved with self-seeking aspects, getting to know oneself, gaining study skills, and beginning to ferret out a game plan for all four years that will make future goals a reality.

The 10th grade will concentrate mainly on career development, while reviewing what was learned in the ninth grade.

The 11th grade will take the information that was gleaned from the previous years and use it to think about post-graduate plans, where to apply, and what to do. Test-taking skills, resume writing, and the college application process will be taught and reviewed.

The 12th grade will deal with life after high school, finding jobs and colleges, and making applications to them.

All beginnings have some rough spots, so bear with us. But change is good. It adds creativity and

energy to the process.

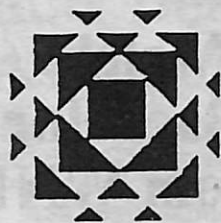
There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to guidance placement, NO CHOICE OF COUNSELORS. However, our doors are always open and each counselor is available to see any student, but that student's paperwork and planning will stay with the assigned counselor.

This summer, the Guidance Department will be here every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during the month of August to deal with your questions and concerns and to get ready for the first day of school. Please call at 789-1400, ext. 418 if you have any questions and the counselor who will be here will be pleased to help you.

Next year, we are hopeful that we will have a Guidance Parent Advisory Counselor, where we can work together and share ideas. We are also looking for parent volunteers to help us with different happenings at the school. Please show us your interest by contacting the Guidance Office at the high school.

This is my last column for the school year. I wish you all a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

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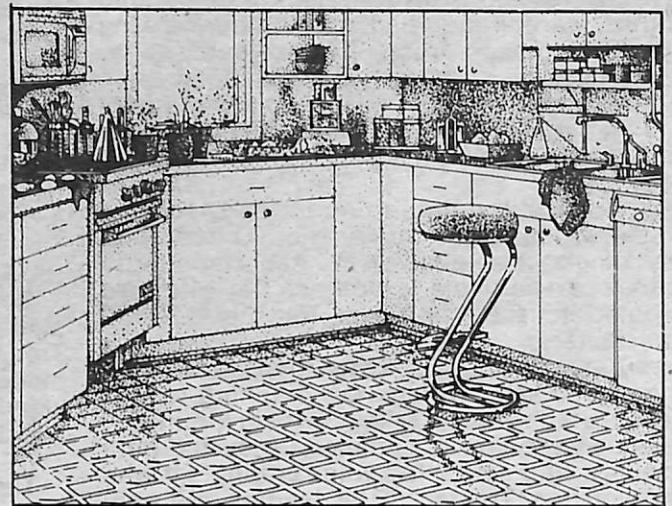
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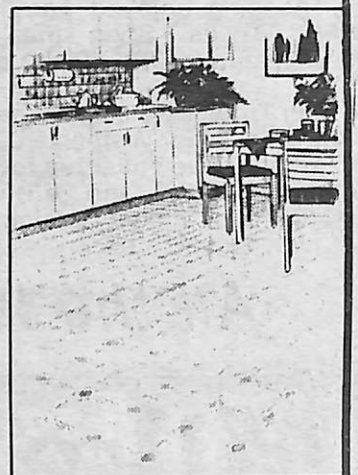
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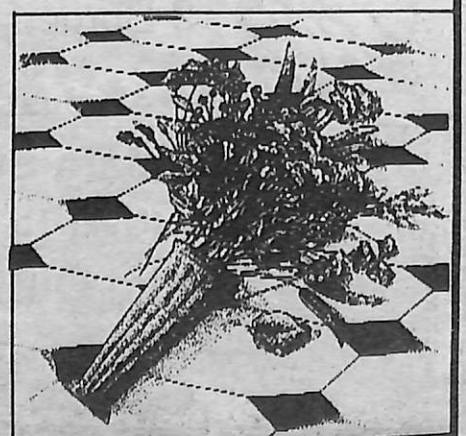
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Soon the 1995-96 Brownie year will be coming to a close. Martha and I had a great time working with our Brownies in Troop 567 this year.

Our Monday night meetings at Martha's house were never boring. All of the girls worked very hard to earn their Try-Its and we are very proud of them. They had a very busy year, but it was not all work.

We still found the time to go to the Discovery Zone, swimming at the Junior High School, and rollerskating at the Rollaway. We had a wonderful Christmas party and made Mother's Day gifts. We contributed to the Wish List for the S.P.C.A. animal shelter.

Three girls earned badges for their efforts during the cookie sale. We are now planning for our final event of the year - a hike on Provin Mountain. I think this year can be summed up by the girls themselves, who said, "Brownies is fun," "It was fun to work on Try-Its," "The leaders are very nice."

Our theme for the Girl Scouts skating party was "Save the Environment." Our tree was decorated with seashells, starfish, and things the girls collected at the seashore. Each girl then picked a topic which she was concerned about. They are concerned about saving the whales and dolphins, cleaning the ocean water, not polluting the air, stopping industry from dumping toxic waste in the water.

They are very concerned about the future of our world, and Girl Scouting will hopefully help them to continue to be caring citizens when they are adults.

Members of Troop 567 are:

Martha Morytko, Barbara Jenney (Leaders); Stephanie Klebes, Kirsten Patrick, Leeann Morytko, Susan Jenney, Erin Milillo, Sara Savard, and Cali Longtin.

Despite missing a number of Troop meetings due to this winter's bad weather, Robinson Park Brownie Troop 581 has been able to do plenty of fun things!

The girls enjoyed earning the "Safety" and "Art" Try-Its. Soon they will fulfill the requirements for the "Play" and "Dancersize" Try-Its.

Our Troop sponsored a needy child through the Agawam Junior Women's Club at Christmas time. In addition, we collected food for the Open Pantry and decorated the birthday board for the residents of a local nursing home.

In February, we held our Investiture to the delight of the parents and family members.

Our Troop participated and had a great time at the Agawam Unit's dance held at St. John's Church during April school vacation. The girls practiced the new dance steps they learned at one of our Troop meetings.

We are planning some additional fun activities before we break for the summer!

Each section of the following article was written by a different girl from Phelps Brownie Troop 582. Their names appear after the paragraph they wrote.

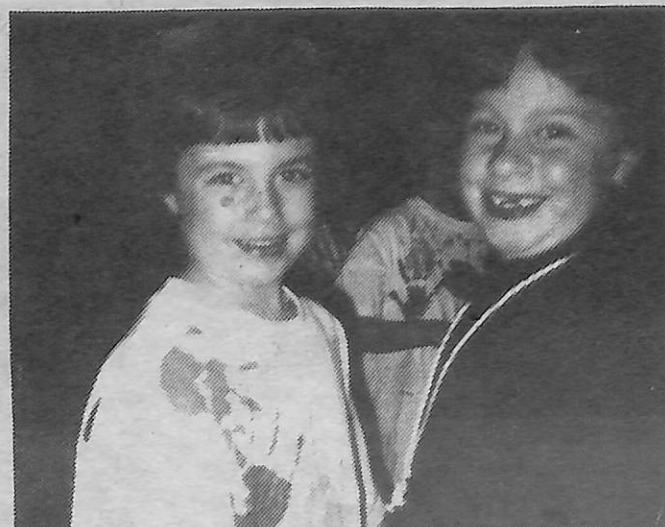
Junior Troop 556 came in and talked about being a Junior. They made a snack and craft with us for Easter. We are earning our "Aloha Hawaii Culture" Patch. We are learning about Hawaii culture, music, dances, and food. We will be enjoying dinner and a show at the Hu Ke Lau with our Pen Pal Troop from Chicopee on May 3rd. (by Sara Mantha).

We went to the Rollaway. It was very fun. We had to fold a dollar in a shape. We also made a growing up tree. There were lots of trees but not one like ours. We skated with a Junior. Being a Brownie is very fun. (by Leah Cook).

On April 15th, we went to a store at Holyoke Mall called the Limited Too. We met our Pen Pal Troop, looked around, and tried on clothes to model. The people that worked there showed us a video about the Limited Too and how they work. It was fun. (by Michele Elsner).

The Agawam Unit Dance, held on April 19th, was a huge success! Over \$900 was raised for the Annual Giving Campaign. Thanks to all parents, leaders, and Girl Scouts that supported the event.

Also, many thanks to St. John's Church for the use of their gym; to Karen from Shooting Star for the great dance lessons; and to Tommy Melbourne for returning again as the disc jockey! In addition, a special thank you is in order for Girl Scout Leader Laura Albano, who organized the dance. Thanks to her hard work and dedication to Scouting, this event was not only successful, but it was an event enjoyed by all who attended.



TOP PHOTO - BROWNIE GIRL SCOUTS ANDREA FRENIERE (left) and Jennifer Bouley from Troop 581 at Robinson Park at the Agawam Unit Dance; IN PHOTO BELOW, it was "all thumbs up" at the Agawam Unit Dance at St. John's Church. From left - Caitlyn Tierney, Nicole Witaszek, and Brittany Margiotta proudly display the handprinted troop shirts the girls made as a troop activity.



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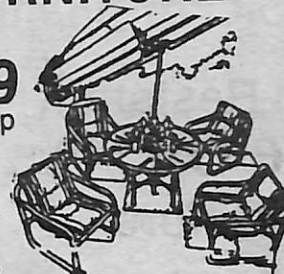
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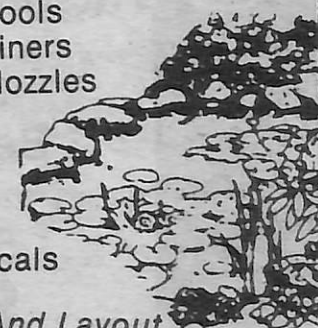
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AGAWAM HIGH STUDENT Gene Stevens was named "Artist of the Month" at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Gene Stevens Named Artist Of The Month At Agawam High

Gene Stevens is the art student for the month of April. He is the son of Tina Stevens with whom he resides at 7 Williams St., Feeding Hills.

Gene recently graduated from Agawam High School. This year, he studied advanced pottery and became a teacher's assistant to Miss Frances Messina in her basic pottery class.

After graduation, Gene plans on attending Porter and Chester Institute in Connecticut and majoring in Architectural Drafting, and also plans on taking other pottery classes.

He received a Certificate of Excellence in Pottery at the Senior Awards Night held June 6th.

Town Spelling Be On Cable TV On June 29

Students and families may wish to watch the May 17, 1996 town Spelling Bee, which will be aired on cable access Channel 5 at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28th.

AHS's Class Of 1986 To Hold Outdoor Barbecue In September

To commemorate its 10-year reunion, Agawam High School's class of 1986 will be holding an outdoor barbecue on Saturday, September 7, 1996 at Shaker Farms Country Club, Shaker Road, Westfield.

There will be games, a D.J., and a full bar. Bring the kids.

Adults are \$20, and kids over five years of age are \$7.

Invitations are in the mail. Hope you'll join us! For more information, call 789-7739.



MEMBERS OF THE RICHARD H. BARRY CHAPTER of the National Junior Honor Society were recently inducted at the Agawam Junior High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

National Junior Honor Society Inducts 45 At Ag. Junior High

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Richard H. Barry Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society conducted its second annual Induction ceremony.

Before an audience of over 400 parents, grandparents, and seventh grade students, 45 seventh and eighth grade students recited the Oath of the Honor Society and received their membership certificates from Mr. Kevin Littlefield, Junior High Principal.

Assisting Mr. Littlefield was Andy Markowski, Vice President of the Honor Society at Agawam High School.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was his Honor Christopher Johnson, Mayor of Agawam. Mayor Johnson spoke of his many fond memories of his social studies teacher at the Junior High, Mr. Barry. This helped the students identify with the teacher for whom the Honor Society is named.

He also motivated the students with the words of his father, Robert Johnson, who supported a 27 year-old councilman in his first run for mayor: "If you have a dream, go for it. Aim high and you achieve your goals."

The event ended with a reception in the school cafeteria sponsored by the faculty advisors and faculty council for the Honor Society.

SEVENTH GRADE MEMBERS

Courtney Adamczyk, Danielle Bachini, Lisa

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Jessica Forni, Megan Gaffney, Samantha Gingras, Sara Gregory, Ashley Guiel, Stephanie Gumlaw, Corey Hobbs, Lauren Kida, Melissa Knight, Megan Landry, Ryan Lepard, Adam Lopez, Kelly McNeish, Rebecca Nacewicz, Emily Norris, Jennifer Reid, Ryan Richardson, Joanna Surowiec, and Jim Wisniewski.

EIGHTH GRADE MEMBERS

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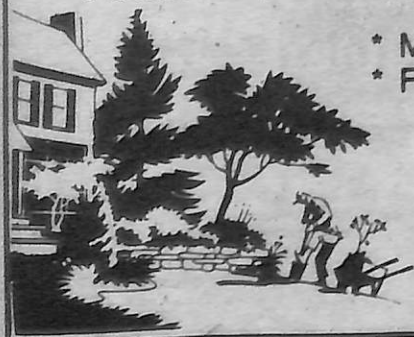
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Sports

Western Mass. Softball Champs Hold Banquet



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH girls' softball team, two-time Western Mass. Division I champs, gathered for their Annual Banquet at Alexander's Restaurant on June 18th. IN PHOTO LEFT are the team's captains with varsity Coach Debbie Lickley (center) and Assistant Coach Missy Sullivan (right). From left - Erica Pratt, Becky Wing, and Courtnie Hyland. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Class of 1996 members of the team - Adrienne O'Quinn, Erica Pratt, Becky Wing, Courtnie Hyland, Laura Rapa, and Stephanie Biza. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Holding 1st Track Title...



EXCITED MEMBERS of the Agawam High girls' varsity track team hold the trophy given to them for being the 1996 Western Mass. Division I track champs. Girls in photo include Sue DeFilipi, Kara McDade, Jamie Thomas, Jennie Vangys, Melissa Fleming, Jen Stratton, Amber Paradysz, Cindi Alfano, Danielle DiStefano, Sarah Cote, Melissa Almquist, Aimee Loudfoot, Barbara Maloni, Megan Conkey, Christine Campbell, and Ella Atkins.

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Oak Ridge Golf Club

Junior Golf Program

The first two classes will be held at Oak Ridge Golf Club. The last four will be held at Longhi's Driving Range. This year's sponsors are: **Agawam Advertiser News, Longhi's Driving Range, the Strycharz family of Oak Ridge Golf Club, Fran Johnson's, Gary Campbell and Top-Flite, Larry Bellorado and Titleist, and the Joseph F. Amaral Junior Open.**

Summer 1996

Monday, July 8th: **Registration And Introduction**

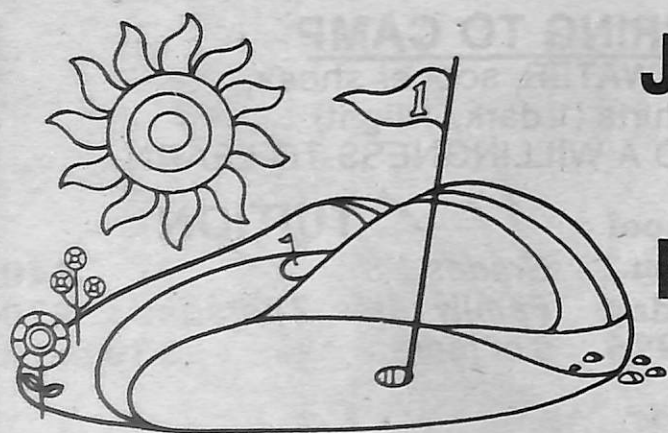
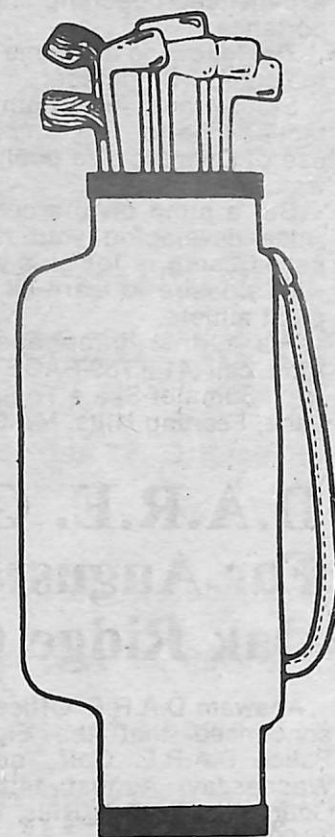
Thursday, July 11th: **Grip, Stance, And Introduction To Swing**

Thursday, July 18th: **Body Coil**

Monday, July 22nd: **Weight Transfer**

Thursday, July 25th: **Chipping And Putting**

Monday, July 29th: **Contest Day**



Juniors Ages 12-17

8:00—9:15 A.M.

Pre-Juniors Ages 7-11

9:15—10:30 A.M.

Name _____

Age _____

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Town _____

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Zip _____

Parents' Consent _____

Instructors: PGA Golf Pros Jim Modzelesky And Steve Sullivan

"Summer Skate To Ski Race Camp" Is Seeking Applicants

A "Summer Skate To Ski Race Camp" will be held this year on July 30th, 31st, August 1st, and 2nd at Springfield College, 263 Alden Street, Springfield. It will begin with a check-in on July 30th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., and will conclude with the check-out at 4:00 p.m. on August 2nd.

This camp is offered to children ages 10 to 17, with the emphasis on building sound ski racing techniques. The purpose of the camp is to provide cross training for alpine ski racing.

Physical, technical, tactical, and psychological aspects of alpine ski training will be focused on during the camp. The athlete will be exposed to in-line skate gates and other full-length slalom training equipment used for competitive enhancement.

A focus on skill development through video analysis and structured training sessions by an experienced coaching staff will be of utmost importance.

The following are some of the training activities the camp will include:

Stubby and full-length training gates; racing tactics (line for G.S. and Slalom); video analysis; use of Olympic-size pool; and gym and climbing wall.

Get a jump on the competition and have fun while developing your racing skills. This fast-paced camp is for girls and boys ages 10 to 17 with a desire to learn all aspects of becoming a great athlete.

For further information and an application form, call (413) 789-RACE or contact Glenn Olson, c/o "Summer Skate To Ski Race Camp," 47 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

D.A.R.E. Golf Set For August 14th At Oak Ridge CC

Agawam D.A.R.E. Officer Donald Gallerani has announced that the Eighth Annual Agawam Police D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, August 14th, at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Feeding Hills, with a shotgun start at 12:00 noon.

The D.A.R.E. Program is an important and successful anti-drug and violence program conducted by the Agawam Police Department and the Agawam Public Schools. The program is geared toward school children at the elementary and middle school age. It intelligently teaches them to say "NO" to drugs and violence. The D.A.R.E. Program in Agawam is funded solely by private donations and this golf tournament.

The price per golfer is \$90, which includes cart, green fees, lunch and refreshments on the course, longest drive and closest to the pin contest, prizes, and prime rib dinner after golf. If you will not be able to golf, but would like to attend dinner, the cost is \$35.

The committee is also looking for businesses to sponsor holes. Sponsorship of a hole is \$100 and a sign noting you as a sponsor will be provided and placed in a prominent spot on the golf course.

"D.A.R.E. is a powerful tool in the war against drugs and violence here in Agawam," stated Officer Gallerani. "We hope you will help us keep this program going because it is important to our children's future."

Entry deadline is August 2nd. The course can accommodate a limited number of foursomes and it will fill up very quickly, so register today.

For more information, call Officer Gallerani at 786-4768.

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Graze The Top Of A Tee For A Proper Takeaway

Here's one more tip that will help you develop a good move away from the ball.

Place a tee in the ground a few inches behind the ball, with only the very top of the tee above the turf. As you take the clubhead back away from the ball, try to simply graze the top of the tee.

If you can do this, you're making a good start to your swing.

Best hometown news...

Boys' Basketball Camp To Be Offered Again This Summer

Lou Conte and Mike Martin, the varsity girls' and boys' basketball coaches at Agawam High School this past year, will conduct a basketball camp for boys ages eight to 16 again this year at Grand Meadow Health and Racquet Club.

The camp, in its eighth year, will be held for two weeks—July 8th-12th and July 15th-19th. The camp stresses fundamentals and fun.

For further information, contact Conte at 786-7729, or Martin at 789-0494.

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Will be made up of various High School Varsity and Junior Varsity players.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS

CONTACT:

Eleanor Jean, President	786-4368
Pat Tierney, Vice-President	789-1239
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Agawam Men's Softball Standings

"A" DIVISION	W	L
Topper's/Cabin Plainfield	10	5
	8	5
EASTERN LEAGUE	W	L
Red Rose/TJ's	7	3
Bobby's Bistro	7	5
202 Liquors	7	9
Michael Anthony's	6	6
Dante Club	6	8
BS Braves	3	7
Agawam Spirit Shoppe	2	9
CENTRAL LEAGUE	W	L
E.B's	13	2
Riverdale Lanes	12	2
Abbett Bus Service	12	4
Agawam Moose/Witch Equip.	10	6
Take 5 Rest.	7	7
Royale Cafe	7	8
Agawam Speed	6	8
Expert Tire	4	11
Bertelli's	3	12
Dante Club II	1	15
WESTERN LEAGUE	W	L
Michael Anthony's II	11	1
Buccaneer II	10	2
Buccaneer I	8	5
La Mirage	6	4
Olympic Fastener	5	5
Omni Glow	4	5
All For A Dollar	4	6
Teddy Bear Pools	4	8
Desi's	4	7
Roc Rimmon	1	16

S.H.A.A. 10-12 Boys' Standings (As Of June 25, 1996)

TEAM	W	L
Cornerstone Christian Book Store Phillies	12	2
Bonavita, Gordon, Danie And Walsh Falcons	11	3
E.B's Red Sox	7	7
Westfield Savings Bank Rockies	7	7
Baystate Gas Orioles	5	9
Agawam Federal Credit Union Blue Jays	5	9
Valenti's Athletics	2	12

Agawam Women's Softball Standings

TJ's Sporthouse	11	0
Southworth	9	1
Holyoke	9	2
Club 57	7	3
Tanning Zone	6	3
Bobbie's	6	6
Caprisi	6	7
Elbow	4	6
Balzer's	3	8
Bears	1	11

Agawam Little League All Stars To Meet Amherst On July 1st

The Agawam Little League All Stars will play the Amherst All Stars on Monday, July 1, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. at the Agawam Little League Field, School Street (near Phelps School).

All the local sports with us, each week

Jr. Golf Clinic Again Being Held At Oak Ridge CC

Oak Ridge Golf Club will once again hold its Annual Junior Golf Clinic during the month of July on each Monday and Thursday beginning on July 8th. There is no charge for this annual clinic.

On Monday, July 8th, registration and introduction to the sessions will be held. On Thursday, July 11th, grip, stance, and introduction to swing will be covered.

The final four classes will be held down the road at Longhi's Driving Range on Rte. 57 in Southwick. The Monday, July 15th clinic will cover "body coil"; Thursday, July 18th, "weight transfer"; Monday, July 22nd, "chipping & putting"; and Thursday, July 25th, "Contest Day."

The clinic will be held from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. for 12-17 year-olds; 7-11 year-olds can enjoy the clinic from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Sponsors for the Junior Golf Clinic include The Agawam Advertiser News, Longhi's Driving Range, the Strycharz Family of Oak Ridge Golf Club, Fran Johnson's, Gary Campbell and Top-Flite, Larry Bellorardo and Titleist, and the Joseph F. Amaral Junior Open.

For more information, call 789-7307.

S.H.A.A. Pitching Machine League (8-10)

PLAYDOWN ROUND

June 22nd — Rockies 17, Orioles 16 (8 Innings)

PLAYOFFS

(Semi-Final Round)

June 23rd — Red Sox 13, Supersonics 12 (7 Innings)

June 24th — Blue Jays 13, Rockies 12

FINAL ROUND

Tuesday, June 25th. at Sacred Heart Field

(Rain Date: Friday, June 28th at Sacred Heart Field)

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Advanced Girls' Soccer Set For July 13th & 14th

UMASS women's coach Jim Rudy and Agawam boys' coach Dwight Northrup will conduct an advanced girls' soccer camp on Saturday and Sunday, July 13th and 14th. The hours are 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and the cost is \$25.

To register or for more information, call Dwight Northrup at 734-3926.

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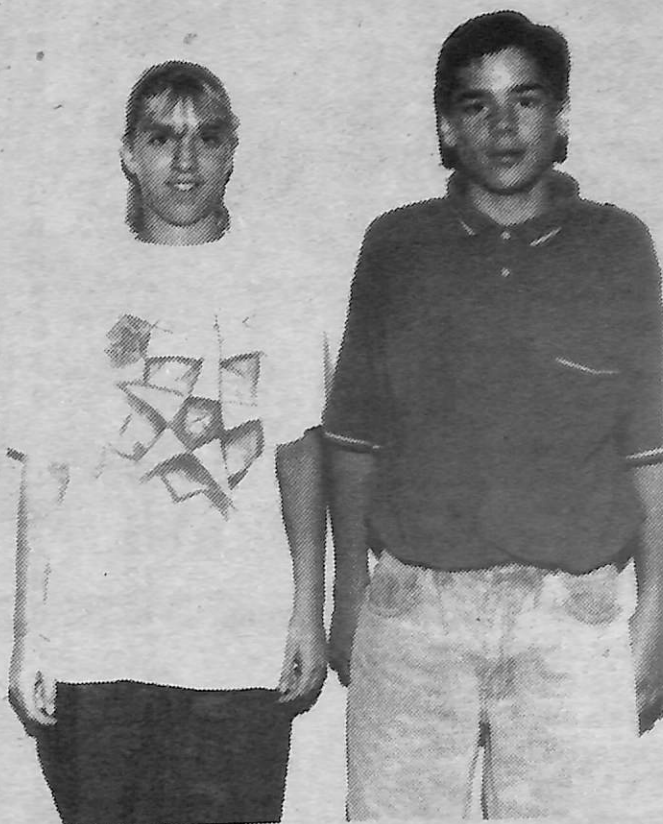
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AHS Baseball Champs Revel At Banquet

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THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL boys' varsity baseball team, the 1996 Division I Western Mass. champs, celebrated the school's first-ever schoolboy baseball title at the Annual Banquet at Oak Ridge Golf Club on June 14th. IN TOP PHOTO are the team's captains with Coaches Boo Smith (right), Wayne Parker (left), and Jim Bowler (next to Smith). Captains in the photo are Chris Chechile, Jon Jacobsen, and Dom Pisano. IN PHOTO BELOW, Class of 1996 members honored at the banquet included Dom "The Missile" Pisano, Jamie "The Wizard" Scherban, Jim "Hitting Guru" Baldyga, Chris "Cannon" Chechile, and Jon "Jake" Jacobsen. Missing: Mike Domaingue. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION "Athletes of the Month" at the Agawam Junior High were Caitlyn Conte and Brady Chianciola. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Strycharz Golf Classic At Oak Ridge CC Slated For July 10th

The 17th Annual "Tony Strycharz" Golf Classic has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 10th, at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. The starting time is 11:30 a.m.

This event will benefit the Bureau for Exceptional Children and Adults at Jericho. Registration for the tournament is now under way.

You can have a cart, lunch, soda, and fruit on the course, as well as a delicious prime rib dinner. Plus, there will be a prize for everyone.

What's more, participants will have the opportunity to win a \$10,000 cash prize for making a hole-in-one on the eighth hole!

The cost is \$90 for both the golf and dinner, or \$30 for the dinner only.

For reservations and/or more information, call Barbara Griffin, 533-1588, or Don and Evie Moynihan, 533-4392.

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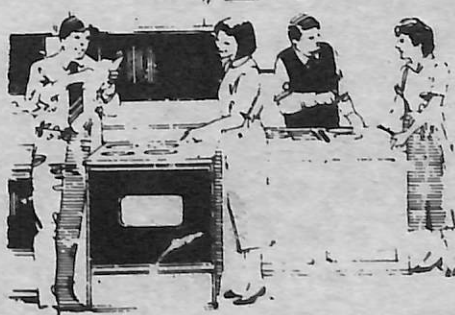
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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM ROWDIES girls' U14 soccer team are heading for Canada June 29th and 30th. Back row - Kerry McGeoghan, Sherri Benton, Pamela Gervais, Jennifer Modzelesky, Dianna DiStefano, Amanda Tilden, Jennifer Lock, Kaitlin White, and Elise Alfano. Front row - Katherine Shannon, Shawna Suffriti, Gina Loudfoot, Jill Gendron, and Jennifer Marr. Accompanying the team will be Jessica Montagna and Jennifer Lyman.

Agawam Rowdies Are Ready For Canadian Soccer Tournament

The Agawam Rowdies (girls' U-14) soccer team, coached since 1988 by Denny Marr, is headed to Laval near Quebec, Canada. The tournament is June 29th and 30th.

This fine team has an impressive record of season and tournament wins. They have been Pioneer Valley Champions in the fall of 1990, 1992, 1994, and 1995. They have been spring division winners in 1994 and 1995, and participated in states, placing third in 1995 in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions.

They have won first place in tournaments in Avon, Dalton, Windsor, Holliston, and last year's Agawam Classic. They also placed second a number of times, mostly by shootouts. They placed second this spring season, but due to a number of injuries they played short the final few games.

All but one of the team members will be freshmen this fall. Jill Gendron will stay at the Junior High.

The girls owe their success to Coach Denny Marr and assistants Lynn Modzelesky and Jim White. Accompanying the U-14's is their sister team — Denny's U-9 team, the Cobras.

Everyone associated with the teams wishes them "au revoir" and good luck.

AAA Piranhas Open Summer Swim Season

The Agawam Piranhas held their first meet of the summer season on June 11, 1996. The team, with a roster of 69 swimmers headed by Coach Paul Talbot and assistants Mary Lynn Scortino and Paul Stepanian, lost against the Belchertown team, 497-382, at Chestnut Hill Community School.

The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

The team of Megan Lalli, Caitlin Hurley, Katelyn Morytko, and Jennifer Sacco placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Jennifer Sacco, third in 50-yard freestyle; Katelyn Morytko, second in 25-yard backstroke; and Caitlin Hurley, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Boys 8 & under:

The team of Benjamin Bruso, Phillip Boglisch, Shaun Bruso, and Jeffrey Lagasse placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Benjamin Bruso, first, and Jeffrey Lagasse, second in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Shaun Bruso, Benjamin Bruso, Jeffrey Lagasse, and Phillip Boglisch placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Brian Boglisch, third in 25-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first in 25-yard butterfly; Benjamin Bruso, first in 50-yard freestyle; Shaun Bruso, first in 25-yard backstroke; and Shaun Bruso, first, and Phillip Boglisch, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

Girls 9-10:

The team of Abriana Spagnoli, Leigh Stepanian, Irena Klimczak, and Leeann Morytko placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Bethany Reid, first, and Julia Weisgerber, second in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Jessica Lalli, Bethany Reid, Leigh Stepanian, and Julia Weisgerber placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Jessica Lalli, second, and Leeann Morytko, third in 50-yard freestyle; Julia Weisgerber, second in 50-yard butterfly; Kristyn Ward, third in 100-yard freestyle; Abriana Spagnoli, first, and Leeann Morytko, third in 50-yard backstroke; and Bethany Reid, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

Christina O'Brien, first in 200-yard individual medley.

The team of Christina O'Brien, Brittany Theriaque, Kimberly Chmura, and Lauren Gaffney placed third in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Kimberly Chmura, first in 50-yard freestyle; Christina O'Brien, second in 50-yard butterfly and first in 100-yard freestyle; Kimberly Chmura, second, and Brittany Theriaque, third in 50-yard backstroke; and Kimberly Chmura, first, and Selema Sekkal, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 11-12:

The team of Daniel Adamski, Michael Lalli, Laurence Rocke, and Paul Lagasse placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Daniel Adamski, second in 200-yard individual medley.

The team of Matt Lawlor, Michael Follis, Daniel Adamski, and Kyle Sullivan placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Paul Lagasse, first, and Laurence Rocke, second in 200-yard freestyle; Paul Lagasse, second, and Daniel Adamski, third in 50-yard butterfly; Laurence Rocke, second, and Matt Lawlor, third in 100-yard freestyle; Matt Lawlor, second, and Laurence Rocke, third in 50-yard backstroke; and Michael Follis, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Rebecca Morytko, Jennifer Reid, Katherine Chmura, and Shannon Costa placed second.

Shannon Costa, first, and Jennifer Reid, third in 200-yard individual medley; Jennifer Reid, first, and Katherine Carey, second in 200-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first, and Rebecca Morytko, third in 50-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first in 100-yard butterfly; Katherine Chmura, second, and Katherine Carey, third in 100-yard freestyle; Katherine Chmura, first in 100-yard backstroke; and Katherine Chmura, second, and Jennifer Reid, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 13-14:

Nathan Adamski, first in 200-yard freestyle; Matthew Francis, second in 50-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, second, and Matthew Francis, third in 100-yard freestyle; and Nathan Adamski, second in 100-yard backstroke.

Girls 15-18:

Eileen Daly, first in 200-yard individual medley and first in 200-yard freestyle; Brenda McGinn, first, and Sarah Nacewicz, second in 50-yard freestyle; Eileen Daly, first in 100-yard butterfly; Sarah Nacewicz, first, and Brenna McGinn, second in 100-yard freestyle; Brenna McGinn, first in 100-yard backstroke; and Sarah Nacewicz, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 15-18:

Joel Ward, second in 50-yard freestyle and third in 100-yard freestyle.

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Agawam Lightning U-10 Girls' Soccer Win Division Again

The Agawam Lightning, who represent Agawam in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League, Girls Under 10, Division I, has successfully completed their spring season.

The Lightning has won first place in their highly competitive division for the fourth consecutive season. This season, The Lightning has played through snow, heat, cold, and actual lightning storms.

The girls on this motivated team have shown a strong work ethic and are eager to learn and to advance their skills. The Lightning has showed great team balance by leading their division for least goals allowed and tied for most goals scored by a team.

In addition to winning first place in the regular season for P.V.J.S.L., The Lightning tied for second place in the prestigious Avon Memorial Day Tournament in Avon, Connecticut. At that tournament, The Lightning defeated teams from Newton, MA, Wilmington, MA, and North Kingstown, RI.

In a very exciting game, The Lightning tied the eventual champions, the Avon Astros. The Lightning also received The Team Sportsmanship Award for their age group. The coaching staff, which is comprised of Scott Skolnick, Don Smith, and Rich Gloster, wish to give their appreciation to the team members of The Lightning, their families, and supporters for a wonderful season and are already looking forward to the fall with great anticipation.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIGHTNING who play in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League Division I U-10 girls won first place in the division for the fourth straight season. Back row, from left - Coaches Scott Skolnick, Don Smith, and Rich Gloster. Middle Row - Megan (Cousin It) Kelly, Amanda (Fred) Janik, Meghan (Boomer) Ennis, Ashley (Smitty) Smith, Rachel (Rach) Keenan, Bethany ("B") Schivley, Sara (Moose) Skolnick, and Allison (Sonic) Siedlik. Front row - Ellen (Bo) Rannenbergh, Bethany (Badger) Reid, Megan (Bam-Bam) Gloster, Ashley (Shrimpy) Leven, and Jennat (Jet) Sekkal.

Sunday Night Summer Soccer League

The Sunday Night Summer Soccer League (SNSSL) is back for its second season beginning on July 7th at Agawam High School.

The SNSSL is a six-on-six Men's/High School league. It will run for eight weeks, beginning July 7th and ending with playoffs on August 25th. The fee for the league is \$20 per person, which covers the cost of uniform shirts and referee fees.

Once again, the league will be directed by Jeff Rousseau with help from Agawam High School coaches, players, and alumni.

Last year, in its inaugural season, the SNSSL saw 82 participants from eight teams. Italy won the bragging rights in dramatic fashion by knocking off U.S.A. in shoot-outs.

For more information or to sign up for a team, contact Jeff Rousseau, 789-6539; Dwight Northrop, 734-3926; or Jason Jean, 786-4368.

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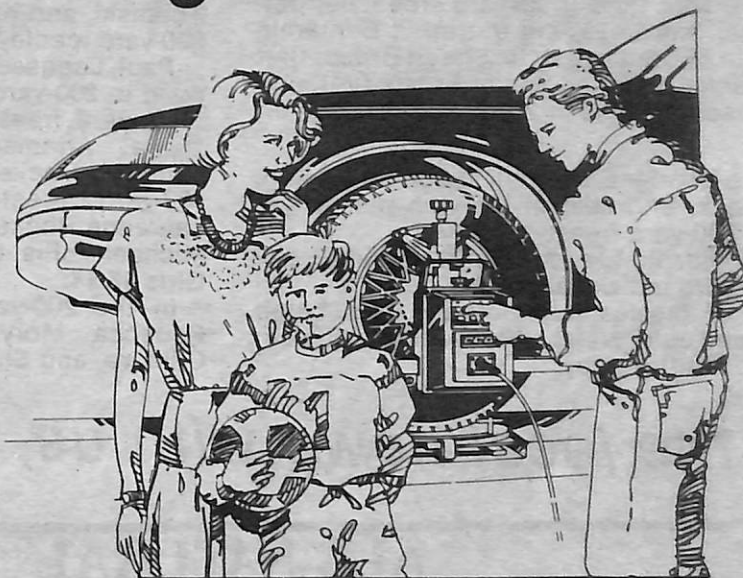
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Cavorting Catfish

If you have become tired of summer reruns or are just plain bored with the usual after-supper routine, try "cating" around at night. I am referring, of course, to night fishing for some of the splendid catfish available in the Connecticut River.

After dark, both shore and boat anglers can have some real fun with these whiskered heavyweights. The catfish are primarily nocturnal feeders and leave the secure sanctuary of deep water to prowl the flats and weeded shallows in search of an easy meal.

Shore anglers should check out areas that are adjacent to deep water. It is the shallow flats that the actively feeding fish will migrate to, when the urge to feed moves them. Many people think that catfish are strictly scavengers, cruising the bottom in search of leftovers. The fact is that the cats are also efficient predators, gobbling up bait fish when the opportunity arises.

Boat anglers can add another dimension by their ability to fish mid-river sand bars and ledges. This week, my son Todd and his friend Ryan scored on a nice pair of cats as well as stripers and smallmouth bass while fishing the early nighttime hours.

The shallow deltas that form at the mouths of the river's tributaries can be an ideal location for anchoring the boat and dropping down a bait rig. It is not uncommon to take several species of fish when fishing for cats in these locations.

While on the subject of bait, there are probably almost as many "secret" catfish baits as there are catfishermen. "Stink baits," made of dough and garlic along with other odoriferous ingredients,

are sworn to by some and sworn at by others. If you are going to use these types of baits, there are special treble hooks with a wire spiral around the shank to keep the pasty mixture from falling off.

Quite a few of the die-hard catfishermen will catch a few eels prior to leaving the dock. Eel heads make very good catfish bait, even if it does entail what seems like a wrestling match in a slime bucket.

Chicken livers, entrails, large freshly-killed shrimpers and shrimp, round out the list of catfish bait. Almost, that is. An old friend who will be referred to only as "Crazy Bob" was in the habit of using half a pigeon for bait. Obtaining bait was somewhat more complicated than digging worms and involved a variety of expertise in other pursuits. Although "baiting up" was a somewhat grisly matter, the statues in the city square were grateful and we caught some really big catfish.

I prefer to use a sliding egg sinker rig with about a two-foot shock leader of 17-pound test mono. Use a barrel swivel at one end and at least a 5/0 wide gap hook at the other. The egg sinker should be above the swivel, allowing the fish to take line without feeling the resistance of the weight. Use just enough weight to keep the rig planted on the bottom.

When using fresh shrimp for bait, I keep it refrigerated in the cooler. If the fish aren't biting, add a little cocktail sauce and treat yourself to some shrimp cocktail.

A word of caution is in order pertaining to night fishing from a boat. You must display your anchor light (stern light) while you are anchored. It is not only one of the rules, it is important for your safety.

The mosquitoes and other bugs may drive you to distraction, but that is preferable to being run over by some fool in a pleasure boat who ignores the laws related to speed after dark and is running on high-test bourbon.

So, next time you are complaining that there is nothing on the tube, grab your fishing rod, a fistful of chicken livers, raw shrimp or a bag of pigeons as it may be. Head for the river! A 10-pound catfish can be quite a lot of fun on light tackle.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

They are at it again! The anti-gun hysteria types want to deprive you of your Constitutionally-guaranteed freedoms. By using the same twisted brand of logic that would claim that wet streets

caused rain, they are after your Second Amendment Rights.

These poor misguided souls are willing to trade their freedoms for a false sense of personal safety. Anyone who is foolish enough to give up their guaranteed freedoms with such a cavalier attitude, will be neither safe nor free.

Most of the so-called assault weapons are seldom used in criminal acts. In fact, the broad definition that these people use would include that little old tubular magazine, 22 caliber rifle that your grandfather taught you how to shoot with.

This is just another attempt to reach the stated goal of these irresponsible organizations; the total confiscation of all privately owned firearms. The last modern country that had its civilian population disarmed by noble-sounding laws was pre-war Nazi Germany.

By extending the fuzzy logic of the arguments they present about banning specific firearms, Springfield and Holyoke's rash of drive-by gang shootings should probably result in banning certain year, make and models of the cars used in the crime.

Anyone owning such obviously dangerous vehicles could have an amnesty period in which to turn in their assault cars without penalty. This should, of course, completely solve the crime problem, and since there is no Constitutional guarantee of one's right to own a car, there should not be any outcry or protest.

Obviously this is a sarcastic response to the convoluted reasoning, or lack of it, on the part of those who refuse to hold an individual responsible for their own actions. They figure that we can just blame society or some inanimate object for these miscreants and penalize everyone.

Call your state legislators. Send them a telegram, or see them in person! Let them know that the Second Amendment has nothing to do with hunting. It is the people's check and balance against possible government tyranny.

Lock up those criminals who use a gun in an unlawful manner. There are enough laws on the books right now to plant a gun-toting criminal underneath the jail.

Federal and state firearms laws are seldom used by prosecutors. How come? We don't need more of these laws, we need to enforce the ones that we have!

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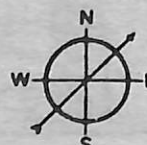
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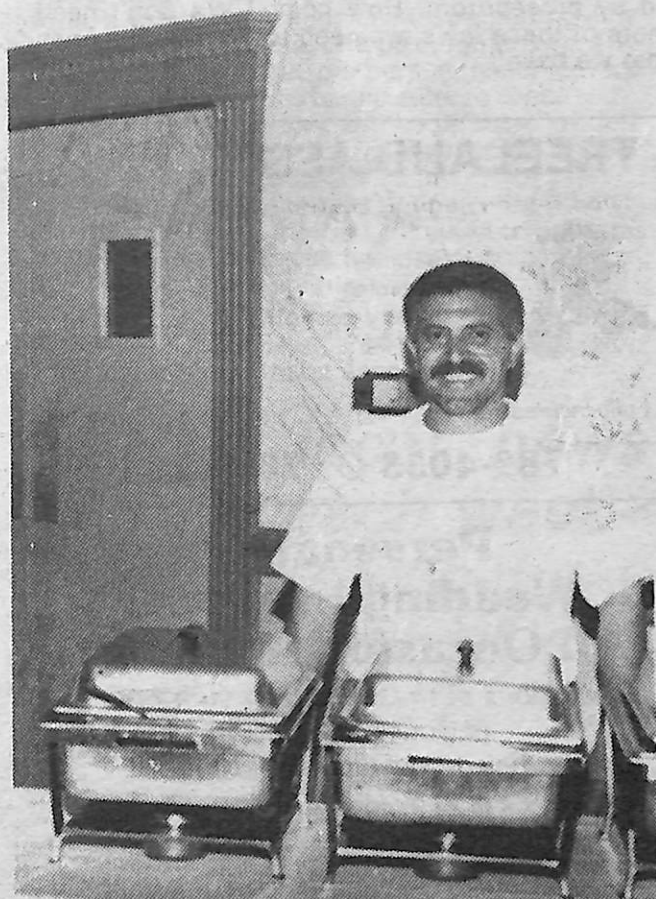
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THE AGAWAM "UMBROLIEVABLES" were the champs of the PVJSL U-9 girls' B division for 1996 and celebrated at Casa Di Lisa Ristorante with a dinner and party. IN TOP PHOTO Coach Earl Hollister and Case Di Lisa's Frank Bruno, Jr., were on the serving line with Coach Eddie Santaniello (photo below). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



TEAM MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM "UMBROLIEVABLES," the 1996 Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League U-9 girls' B champs, gathered for a party at Casa Di Lisa Ristorante in Feeding Hills with the Coaches Ed Santaniello (back, left) and Earl Hollister. The girls and their parents danced the night away for three hours to celebrate their championship. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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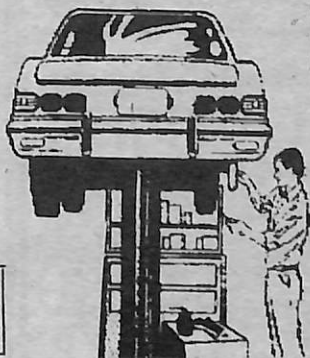
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Gallup Wins 2nd Straight Modified Race At Riverside

Richie Gallup showed that two wins was a charm. On Saturday, June 22nd, at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA, Gallup's Phil Lauro Cavalier held off Tony Papale in a wheel-to-wheel battle and visited victory lane for the second week in a row.

Starting 11th in the John Haymond Law Office/NAPA Auto Parts event, it was a night of competitive racing for the independent teams of the NASCAR Winston Racing Series. The 50-lap feature was marred by five cautions, most for minor spins.

It was Roy Seidell to lead from the start, when Jim Houghton moved low to take the lead. By lap 23, Richie Gallup had picked them off one at a time to move into second. A strong run was also being turned in by the rookie force of Frank Roco, Renee Dupuis, Rob Summers, and veteran driver Tom Jensen. This pack of top-five cars changed position lap after lap.

Then, on lap 42, Tony Papale started to really apply the heat to Richie Gallup, who led from lap 24. Papale gave him a run for the lead that had everyone at the edge of their seats.

However, it was Gallup who crossed the checker first for his second win in the Luther Hosner/Lauro Law Modified. Second at the line was Tony Papale (Teto Racing/Kurowski Insurance), followed by Jim Houghton (Simoncini Racing), Renee Dupuis (Teto Racing/Mannely Caters), and Ed Spiers (Sonic Welding).

Rounding out the top 10 in this division were David Berube, Rom Summers, Ted Riggott, Brad Heitala, and Tom Jensen.

"It's great! Finally, we got the monkey off our back. Phil Lauro and the crew deserve this kind of success," said Richie Gallup after win number two. It was a very popular victory.

Tom Carey showed that bringing back the Championship car could make a difference ... and it did. Carey moved into the Pro Stock lead on lap nine, beating Rich Vasseur into turn two.

Once out front, Carey pulled away until Tom Fearn moved in to challenge. A massive accident involving Gary Fiormonti, Doug Dell, and Bennett Fuller brought out the last caution; this realigned the top 10.

At the checker, it was Tom Carey over second-place Tom Fearn (Porter-Chester). Third-place Eddy Carroll had another great run and came in ahead of his father, Ed Carroll (Riverside Motorsports), and Fran Colson.

Sixth through 10th were Barry Gray (Yankee Energy), Rich Vasseur (Enfield Nissan), Jeff Connors, John Lobo, Jr., and Jeff Barel.

"I want to dedicate this win to Dave Caruso. I

thought it would never happen. It's been a tough year. We brought the old car out and it ran like a champ," said Carey.

Jason Dupuis, the younger brother of Renee Dupuis, secured his first Late Model win ever. It wasn't an easy one by any means, as Joe Czarnecki ran wheel-to-wheel every lap for the last 10 laps to the checker. Jason was all smiles in victory lane and credited his fellow driver, Czarnecki, for a clean race to the checker. It was Jason's first win in the Georgian-Glastonbury Texaco Buick.

Second was Joe Czarnecki (Sand Trap), third was Chris Wenzel (D&S Roofing), fourth went to Wayne Coury (Wayne's Auto Body), and fifth was earned by Glen Griswold (NAPA Auto Parts).

Rounding out the top 10 for the Late Models were Roy Houle, Rob Valerio, Keith Minchella, Ted Chalmers, and Tom Dileo.

"This win is for my mom and dad. Without them, this would never have happened. It was really a dream-come-true event to win like this," said the smiling Jason Dupuis.

Danny McNamara won the Legends feature over Byron Chew, Frank Manafort, Dave Cassie, and Fred Vordermeir. Comprising the remaining top 10 drivers were Jay Palmer, Shaun Buffington, Mike Ledoux, Bruce Harrison, and Fred Card.

Meanwhile, it was another new driver in the Strictly Stocks — **Joe Kokoszka**. Mike Salmond was second over Scott Ciak, Dennis Charette, and Johnathon Yourga. Rounding out the top 10 were Tom Garrity, Jim Sommers, Kris Valerio, Bill Reiman, and Pat Townsend.

It happened for the second year in a row — a standing-room-only crowd was on hand to witness 30 events and 400 cars for Riverside's second annual "School Bus Demolition Derby" on Sunday, June 23rd.

Riverside Speedway offers more race variety in this one program than any other event held; eight "real" race divisions plus the Figure 8 Enduro and the School Bus Demolition. Denny's Restaurants of Holyoke, Enfield, CT, and Chicopee hosted the event.

In the Super Stock class, the defending champion Mark LaJoie lead until lap 18 when a lap car created the problem. As Rick Charette and LaJoie made contact, LaJoie was pushed hard into the lap car, thus ending his day.

Rick Charette then held off a late-event charge from John Provencher. At the checker, it was Charette for his first win over Provencher, Keith DeSantis, Scott Garrity, and Vinny Pond. Sixth through 10th were Pete Aiello, Mike Tiani, Craig

Collins, Norm Ashline, and Bill Papale.

Keith Miller held off the opposition of a final-lap charge in the Strictly Stocks to edge out second-place Rick Leavitt. After winning two weeks ago, Pat Kretchman was third, followed by Jon Waterhouse and Dennis Sporbett (who had a great run). Rounding out the top 10 were Tony Keilty, Tom Garrity, Mike Salmong, Scott Ciak, and Jim Sommers.

Dan McNamara looked strong in the exhibition Legends replica event. The match race was a real barn-burner, as **Joe Bates** finally took the lead for good with 10 laps to go. McNamara ultimately settled for second, followed by Shawn Buffington, Byron Chew, Frank Manafort, Mike Ledoux, Bob Vogell, Rich Gerbe, Kim Stafford, and Dave Defriest.

"Iron Man" **George Savary** had to work the traffic hard to win another Pro 4 feature. Ed Holewjak was second over George Sherman, J.R. Gorman (the early leader), and Tom Gavine. Rookie Sylvia Crunden was sixth over Ron Smith, Joe Doucette, George Ruff, and Mike Casey.

Ace Johnson was a repeat winner in the Mini Stocks, but the Zak Sylvester (the "Young One") was right on his bumper at the checker. Cheryl Reilly won the B Mini Division to finish third over Tom Gavine, Ron Barrus, David Banville, Dan Zawisza, Paul Kratochvil, John Constantine, and Ron Mayette.

After totaling his truck a week ago, **Dave Capriati** came back to win the half-ton truck races. Marty Kosakowski was second, followed by Bob Bellinger, Nancy Muni, Don Truskaukas, Glen Meisenhelder, and Brian Witcamp.

Jay Drolett won his second feature in the Police races over Steve Clement, Phil Jenks, Bill Koss, Ken Heim, Mac Mailhott, Jack Harris, and Chris Ray.

Tom Pickerell won the blunder busters over Chris Laspisa, Roy LaMonica, and Jason Johnstone.

Guy Beudion won the Football Demo, **Bob Pinette** was the Enduro victor, and the School Bus Demo was won by **Rick Sommers**.

This Saturday, June 29th, Riverside will host a "real" race car pit party from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. (presented by Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts), followed by the regular Saturday evening of racing starting at 6:00 p.m.

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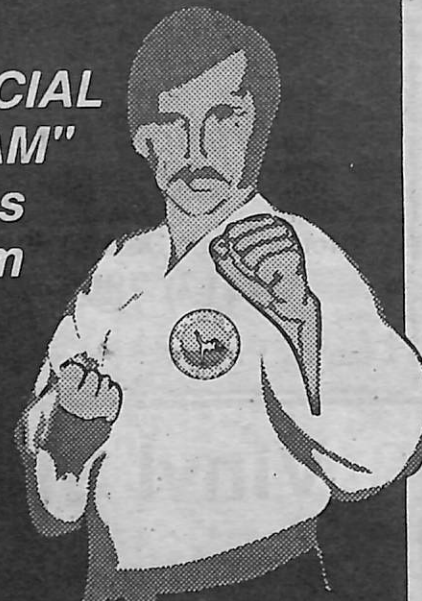


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